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# Lower LEAC rate on Jan. 1

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» CPUC hints further drop after spring hearing

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission confirmed yesterday that a new order to lower the levelized energy adjustment clause rate, or LEAC, will be issued today as soon as its meeting is over.

CPUC chair Joseph Guerrero said after yesterday's public hearing at the Multi-Purpose Center that the approval of a lower LEAC rate will be the first order the commission will issue out.

LEAC is part of the customer's bill

that reflects CUC's fuel costs. The other component is the electric base rate, which funds operations and maintenance, capital outlays, and debt servicing.

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## Impact of increased FDM bombings, Tinian beach use left out in draft EIS

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impacts" on local resources but many of these effects were absent in a draft

A proposed increase in the level of U.S. military bombings on Farallon de Medinilla and amphibious vehicle landing exercises on Tinian beaches, among other things, pose "significant

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Corp. to increase its rates conveyed a unified sentiment of strong opposition to the proposals.

Community members who attended yesterday's public hearing on the petitions filed by the Commonwealth Utilities

On the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's table for action is a revised "2013 Electric Rate Appli-

cation" that primarily includes a recommendation to increase the electric charge for water and wastewater in order to fund the revenue requirements of CUC, among other components of the rate plan.

The morning's presentations focused on the specifics of the rate proposal. CPUC dedicated the afternoon to public comments.

Less than 10 people were in attendance, in addition to officials and representatives of CUC, CPUC; the commission's consultant, George-

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation executive director Alan Fletcher, second right, gestures during yesterday's public hearing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center while other corporation officials, consultants, and members of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission look on.

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# Local

## Docomo donates \$5K to UFO



MARK RABAGO

Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson, fourth from left, and United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza, third from left, hold a facsimile super-size check representing the telecommunication company's sponsorship donation to UFO. Also in photo are UFO secretary Mario Mayuga, left, Paskong Pinoy chair Nel Atalig, fourth from right, other UFO officials, and a staff from Docomo.

Docomo Pacific presented yesterday a \$5,000 check to the United Filipino Organization, representing the telecommunications company's sponsorship of the group's slew of events throughout the year, including this Saturday's "Paskong Pinoy" at the Garapan Central Park.

"It's just part of our annual partnership with UFO for their three major events of the year—the *Pisong Pinoy* in February, the *Pistang Pinoy* in June, and the *Paskong Pinoy* for Christmas. We've really been strong supporters of UFO now. I think it's our second or third year," said Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said the umbrella organization of Filipino groups on Saipan is once again thankful for Nelson and Docomo's generosity.

"We are so grateful for the many years Docomo Pacific has been so supportive of our group. Every year Docomo has always extended a sponsorship

of \$5,000," said Adaza.

When asked why Docomo doesn't hesitate to sponsor groups like UFO, Nelson said it is because the company sees that whatever they donate to these groups always go to a good cause.

"They do a lot of good for the community. They're about giving to the community rather than the opposite. Anytime you have an organization such as UFO, the Red Cross, the Rotary, and other non-profits giving out to the community, as a corporate citizen you want to try and support them as much as you can. We do the same for Red Cross and other organizations because we feel that it's part of the company's responsibility to help non-profits accomplish their goals," said Nelson.

The Docomo official also invited everyone to attend this Saturday's *Paskong Pinoy* celebration at the Garapan Central Park.

"*Paskong Pinoy* is a huge Christmas celebration and it's a

lot of culture, music, and dancing. This year I know UFO and Annamae will be putting together a beautiful program. The past couple of *Paskong Pinoy*s I've been to have always been well attended. I encourage the general public to come down and visit and enjoy *Paskong Pinoy* this year. It's a tremendous show and it's a tremendous experience."

Adaza acknowledged that ever since Docomo became a major sponsor of the group's activities several years back, it has been smooth sailing budget-wise for UFO. "When Docomo started sponsoring the UFO, things have been easier to work on because we now have a budget, unlike before when we were always short and owe a lot of vendors."

Adaza also urged the community to take part in *Paskong Pinoy* this Dec. 14. She said that Gov. Eloy S. Inos has confirmed his attendance at the event.

The Aging Center's congregates—the *man'amko*—will also take part and have already promised to sing five Christmas carols. (Mark Rabago)

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### MHS calendar of events

■ Dec. 12, 2013, Thursday: Progress report from 4pm to 6pm at MHS Gym.

■ Dec. 19, Thursday: PTA meeting from 6pm at MHS Dolphin Theatre.

■ Dec. 23 to Jan. 03, 2014: Christmas break, no classes. (PR)

#### Free business workshop on Rota

The CNMI Small Business Development Center, presents the free workshop "Start an Added Value Product" on Rota on Dec. 12, 2013, from 10am

to 12pm, that Rota's Northern Marianas College campus. Please call for pre-registration at (670) 664-3018 or [www.pacificsbdc.com](http://www.pacificsbdc.com). (PR)

#### Free business seminar on Tinian

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business training seminar on Tinian on Dec. 20, Friday, from 10am to 12pm at the Tinian campus of the Northern Marianas College (Room-D). Please call for pre-registration at (670) 664-3018 or [www.pacificsbdc.com](http://www.pacificsbdc.com). Light food and refreshments provided! (PR)



## \$346K in unpaid wrongful death, medical malpractice judgments

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### Trial of man accused of sexually abusing a minor in 2009 begins

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A Superior Court jury trial will begin today in the case against Alfredo E. Reyes, a 51-year-old man accused of sexually abusing a then-16-year-old girl thrice in 2009.

Jury selection is expected to start at 9am. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho will preside.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Reyes with sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, and another offense.

Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda is prosecuting the

pensions, the CNMI government also has yet to pay a total of \$346,056.50 in court judgments for wrongful deaths and

medical malpractice, Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan) said.

These include six separate judgments from 2008 to 2013

case. Assistant public defenders Matthew Meyer and Michael Sato are counsels for Reyes.

Police arrested Reyes in July. Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that police started the investigation on June 10 after a social worker at the Domestic Violence Intervention Center reported a sexual assault case.

Kintoki said the alleged victim told her mother about the sexual abuse only on June 9.

Kintoki said preliminary investigation showed that Reyes allegedly first sexually abused the victim inside his car at Lao Lao Beach sometime in 2009.

Reyes allegedly asked the girl

to admit that she was having sex with another person.

Each time the girl denied it, the defendant would allegedly slap her in the face. Reyes then allegedly stated that he was going to check if she was still a virgin and proceeded to sexually abuse her.

A few months later in 2009, Reyes again allegedly sexually abused her inside his car at Coral Ocean Point beach. The girl said she was crying and kept pushing him away.

The last incident allegedly happened two to three months later in the jungle area by the Hawaiian Rock Company where the defendant sexually abused her.

Retirement Issues, said it is the CNMI government's obligation to pay for judgments so that cases of wrongful deaths and medical malpractice could be satisfied.

On May 12, 2008, the court entered a \$50,000 judgment in favor of Cheryl Indalecio against the CNMI in Civil Action 03-0514, for the wrongful death of her son.

"The judgment has never

been paid," Taitano said in his House Bill 18-150, co-authored by four other House members.

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## IMPACT

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ing and Testing, or MITT, study area lacks basic information required to assess ecological, socioeconomic and cultural risks, they added.

For example, bombs up to 200 lbs are and will be allowed to be dropped on FDM and such explosives would significantly disrupt soil and reefs.

But the draft EIS “failed to provide this as a potential impact of increased bombing of FDM,” said CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios, acting Division of Fish and Wildlife director Manuel M. Pangelinan, and DLNR marine and wildlife biologists.

Rather, the EIS focused on the in-water impacts of explosives and potential contamination from ordnance, “which were found to have local and short-term negative impacts,” they said.

FDM is the only area in the CNMI that the U.S. military uses for live fire training since 1976.

An entirely separate proposal seeks to use Tinian and Pagan, also for live-fire training.

“Proposed activities will have significant impacts on ecological, cultural, and socioeconomic resources of the Marianas archipelago and surrounding waters,” DLNR officials said in a Nov. 25 joint comment on a draft EIS for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing area.

The public has only until Dec. 12, Thursday, to comment on the EIS on the MITT area.

### Impossible to monitor

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town Consulting Services; and CUC’s consultant, Economists. com.

One of those who spoke out against CUC’s proposed rate hikes was Patrick Leon Guerrero, CUC’s former chief of operation for 14 years. In his oral testimony, he described the CUC rate and non-rate fees as “excessive.” He also urged the CPUC to investigate the formula used by CUC in its calculations as he believes that what CUC is using probably does not accurately reflect everyone’s utility consumption.

Leon Guerrero said there should be local stakeholders at the top management of CUC because whatever these officials decide will impact their families and relatives, alluding to the current crop of CUC executives who are mostly from outside the CNMI.

“They have to be more concerned to make sure everything is efficient [at CUC],” he said.

Former governor and former hospital CEO Juan N. Babauta shared his personal experience with CUC to make a point. He said he just received his

Palacios and Pangelinan said social impacts—such as the degradation of landscapes, the effects of limited access to resource users, and the diminishment of cultural value—are impossible to monitor, measure, mitigate, and recover.

This comes a few months after Palacios sent a memo to the governor stating that the U.S. Navy’s proposal to increase restricted areas surrounding FDM can only be an indication of significant increase in bombings “that will destroy the island and its surrounding reefs.”

In the latest comment to the draft EIS on the MITT study area, DLNR said U.S. military activities are presented in “number of activities per year,” not specific durations or seasonality of the activities.

DLNR said the EIS ignores the environmental impacts of increased bombing activities in waters surrounding FDM, specifically within the 3-nautical mile permanent restricted area.

“There is a strong likelihood that aberrant ordnance will adversely affect the surrounding coral reef and associated fauna (fish, sea turtles and marine mammals). The EIS should provide an ordnance-specific probability estimation of land versus sea detonation based on known target success of the specific weapons applied,” the DLNR officials and experts said.

The draft EIS proposes to increase the number of grenades and mortars from 100 to 600. It proposes to increase the number of large-caliber projectiles from 1,000 to 1,200, as well as the number of bombs up to 2,000 lbs in size from 2,150 to 6,241 bombs.

monthly water bill amounting to \$47.80. In examining his bill, he said he was assessed \$9.70 for his actual water usage. He was surprised, however, to find out that CUC is charging him \$27.28 for the “electric charge” for water.

“I want to know how CUC came up with this calculation, which for me is kind of overkill,” said Babauta, describing CUC’s formula as “not proportionate.”

Former lawmaker Stanley Torres also shared his disappointment with CUC, claiming that from a monthly water billing of only 8,000 gallons of water, he had seen this jump to 11,000 gallons to 22,000 gallons just for a month. He said his electric charge for water is “truly unacceptable.” He disclosed plan to file a dispute with CUC, copies of which will be furnished to CPUC.

Adding to the former lawmaker’s dismay is the fact that “I have never ever received 24-hour water service from CUC since the start.” Torres lives on Capital Hill.

Juan Cabrera, who was not allowed to ask CUC officials directly at the public hearing—pursuant to the commission guidelines—lambasted the

It also says that an “Mk 84” 2,000-lb bomb can kill or injure wildlife and disturb vegetation across a 60-acre area.

DLNR said there are a few detailed maps showing coral habitat for FDM.

Military-funded surveys were performed on FDM in the past, and data from these surveys should be incorporated in the standard series of maps.

“Overall, the Draft EIS simply ignores some of the most apparent activities that impose risk to surrounding fauna; some examples include the impact of amphibious landings on turtles and corals, and the increasing bombing activity of FDM,” DLNR said.

### ‘Biased report’

DLNR also pointed out that the real ecological impact of proposed activities will be observed and described by U.S. Department of Defense observers who have the “potential to underreport or report with bias the impact of activities.”

“The proposal does not provide for independent assessment of the impact of proposed military activities,” they said.

The level of access that non-military personnel have to FDM in the 3-mile exclusion zone is also not well-described, they added.

They added that subsurface activities—including anti-submarine warfare, electronic warfare, sonar use and ordnance detonation, and on or near seamounts—will have significantly larger impacts on populations of marine habitats and animals.

DLNR officials said there is significant risk in military activities having an adverse impact on local sea turtle populations,

hearing officer and CUC.

“Enough is enough! What you’re doing to the people is wrong! You guys are charging too much!” he said.

Cabrera also criticized the fees being paid by both the commission and CUC to their respective consultants.

Cabrera later told *Saipan Tribune* that he just wanted to point out at the hearing that “CUC should find other ways first before it thinks about raising charges.” In his prepared testimony, Cabrera claimed that the availability of some untapped CIP monies could be used by CUC to meet its requirements.

Felipe Atalig also spoke out against the proposed rate hike. Like previous speakers, he blamed CUC’s problems on its existing structure. He called on the CPUC to look at CUC’s books and raised the idea of giving CUC its independence as a government instrumentality.

### Decision

CPUC chair Joseph Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the commission is still in the public comment stage and assured that all testimonies will be filed for public information.

“Nothing is final yet until the commission decides and ap-

proves part or all or none of the recommendations. We’re still in the public comment process and once all recommendations and testimonies are gathered, these will all be published by CPUC,” he said.

He also assured the public of the commission’s transparency. Asked when a decision can be reached on the proposed rate plan, Guerrero said this may happen within the month or in early January 2014.

“We’re holding all consultants, experts, and CUC accountable for the results and the figures they’re presenting. At any time, if there is discrepancy in the figures, CPUC always reserves the right to question them later. CUC is non-profit and anytime they overcollect, the CPUC’s duty is to credit the customers back,” said Guerrero.

He admitted to feeling some pressure “to decide what’s the right thing to do” for the CNMI people.

“Yes, there’s pressure [personally] to do the right thing and using my background and training to really look at all information, I will use my best judgment. My motive is to find a balance—having the lowest rates possible at the best service for all customers,” he added.

whereas the draft EIS states a limited impact. They said the draft EIS “largely ignored important factors that involve the increasing level of ordnance on FDM and amphibious assault on Tinian’s beaches.”

The DLNR comment to the U.S. military says the use of sonar, underwater explosives, and other acoustic devices will have an adverse impact on whales and dolphins in the CNMI.

They said aberrant bombing on FDM would likely increase mortality of species that are closely related to near-shore habitats such as sperm whales, humpback whales, false killer whales, and spinner dolphins.

As far as corals are concerned, the greatest effects will be on FDM and Tinian.

The DLNR officials said the draft EIS is “speculative” regarding impacts on fish from FDM and Tinian when it stated that “most activities will be in deeper waters and therefore will have a low risk to fish.”

For example, the ordnance size limit of 2,000 lbs on FDM, according to DLNR, further increases the potential for significant impact on surrounding reef fish.

On Tinian, the use of tracked landing craft will crush delicate coral habitat and decrease essential fish habitat, DLNR said.

DLNR is also wary of the draft EIS’ claim that the likelihood of introducing invasive species is negligible to low.

The department also said proposed activities in the Marpi maneuver area on Saipan, North Field on Tinian, in and around Rota International Airport, and in forested and well-vegetated areas on Rota have the potential

to negatively affect the population integrity and breeding of forest birds.

Besides birds, the proposed activities are likely to directly impact the Mariana fruit bats, which are endemic to the CNMI, and other animals.

Inadequate info As for socioeconomic aspects, increased military activities in the archipelago will significantly alter lifestyles and attitudes of and perceptions toward people in the archipelago.

Inadequate information provided in the draft EIS on the duration of activities precludes any meaningful assessment on socioeconomic impact.

The sheer quantity of military activities in FDM’s vicinity suggests a more protracted closure of the surrounding productive reef area to commercial and sport fishing.

An analysis of the total area taken by the 3-nautical mile re-

stricted zone, and the 10- and 12-nm danger zones also shows the real extent and impact of the closure would have on fishing.

“A total of the reef area exclusion would constitute 29, 93, and 98 percent of FDM’s fishable reef area. Thus, it seems more likely the activities on FDM will impose a significant take of the CNMI’s most productive fishing grounds,” DLNR said.

In a separate Nov. 25 memo to Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Palacios and Pangelinan said DLNR marine and wildlife biologists conducted a comprehensive review of the MITT EIS and their report entails specific concerns on the effects of proposed MITT activities.

The CNMI government as a whole is expected to submit comments to the draft EIS.

In October, Inos and Hofschneider urged the public to review the draft EIS.

in the LEAC rate is the only one they can decide for now. Further cuts may come after the commission’s spring regulatory hearing.

The commission’s decision to reduce the LEAC rate was the result of a joint stipulation filed Friday by both CUC and the commission’s consultant, Georgetown Consulting.

According to CUC officials yesterday, the reduction in world oil prices enabled CUC to recommend a reduction in its LEAC, which is currently at \$0.31878 per kWh.

Once the formal order is issued today, CUC can change the LEAC rate to reflect the high/low MOPS price and provide calculations and supporting documents to CPUC and Georgetown. This change should be calculated on the basis of fuel used in the calculation of the current LEAC rate.

CUC records show that it has 14,401 power customers, of which 10,878 are residential users, 2,606 are commercial customers, and 917 are government customers.

in favor of Gorjonny Camacho against the CNMI in Civil Action 12-0284, because of medical malpractice.

Lastly, on Aug. 2, 2013, the court entered a \$35,000 judgment in favor of Susan T. Haleyalgiy, as personal representative of Jackary Jay Taimanao San Nicolas, against the CNMI in Civil Action 12-0108. That was for the wrongful death of her son.

All these judgments have never been paid, Taitano said.

“The listed judgments above are final judgments by ruling of the Commonwealth court system. The Legislature finds that when a judgment is entered against the Commonwealth and is final and un-appealable, that it is proper and correct, and in the best interest of all its citizens, for the Commonwealth, to pay the judgment promptly,” Taitano said in his bill, now under committee review.

On the same day, a \$15,000 judgment was entered in favor of Miguel Magofna Camacho and his family against the CNMI in Civil Action 10-0236. That was for medical malpractice.

On July 30 this year, a \$10,000 judgment was entered

## LOWER

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“This will be the first order [of the commission] regarding the LEAC rate. It is an interim reduction and when the commission comes back in spring, we may find another reduction,” said Guerrero.

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the new LEAC rate will be \$0.30426 per kWh. This will take effect until amended or changed by the commission. For the average residential customers using 455 kWh monthly, this represents a reduction of \$6.46 per month in their billing.

The commission held a hearing yesterday at the Multi-Purpose Center to hear community testimonies on the several proposals filed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. The panel just started functioning in July after more than a year in hiatus.

Guerrero said that with all the documents and activities that needed to be reviewed and assessed, this “interim reduction”

## \$346K

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On April 2, 2009, a judgment was entered in favor of Eric and Tanya David against the CNMI, in Civil Action 05-0445, amounting to \$201,056.50, for medical malpractice.

This year, on July 19, a \$35,000 judgment was entered in favor of Jotonia B. Aguon, Timothy Cruz, and Timothy Cruz as personal representative of Baby Cruz, against the CNMI in Civil Action 12-0263. That was for the wrongful death of their son.

On the same day, a \$15,000 judgment was entered in favor of Miguel Magofna Camacho and his family against the CNMI in Civil Action 10-0236. That was for medical malpractice.

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The murder of a Chinese woman in 2006 and the killing of bartender Emerita Romero in 2012 demonstrate a strikingly similar plan and motive, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

In court papers submitted to oppose Crisostomo's motion to exclude evidence of prior acts, assistant attorney general James B. McAllister said the evidence provided in discovery shows that Joseph A. Crisostomo was driving a gold/brown tinted Toyota Echo from Islander Rent-A-Car on the night of the 2006 murder of Bao Ying Chen.

Crisostomo was seen looking

intently out of the rental car at a woman walking alone late at night, said McAllister.

McAllister said that Crisostomo quickly dropped off his only passenger and left alone in the rental car for several hours.

The prosecutor said a very similar car was seen quickly leaving the area near where Chen's naked body was found soon after the murder.

Upon Crisostomo's return, McAllister said, witnesses noticed that the interior of the rental car was damaged and that Crisostomo had scratches and blood on his arm.

Crisostomo was also allegedly in possession of a pink

makeup bag, cash, and a cell phone that he tried to conceal. McAllister said the defendant searched the rental car and asked a friend to return it.

McAllister said Crisostomo gave the victim's cell phone to a witness and later told the witness to discard the phone to avoid police detection.

Two fishermen found Chen's body along the shoreline of Lualau Beach in the afternoon of Nov. 23, 2006. An autopsy reportedly determined that she died of asphyxiation by drowning.

Crisostomo is facing charges of murder, kidnapping, and other offenses in the killing of Romero.



Crisostomo

## Taisague's motion to stop his pension benefit cut is denied

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood denied yesterday Jesus I. Taisague's motion to stop Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the CNMI government from withholding or failing to pay his pension benefits in full.

In denying Taisague's motion for preliminary injunction, Tydingco-Gatewood said that, unlike a wrongfully terminated employee whose injury is the loss of all income and health insurance, Taisague's injury is no more than a 25-percent deferment on his pension—without any loss of his health insurance coverage.

The judge noted that Taisague has not shown why this 25-percent deferment is an "irreparable injury."

Tydingco-Gatewood said that Taisague's motion operates under a now-erroneous assumption that he will lose all his retirement benefits and therefore will be unable to pay for needed medical work, financial obligations, and sustenance.

Tydingco-Gatewood said that Taisague asserts that he "is still not getting his 100-percent pension" without detailing any irreparable injuries that will follow this deficiency.

The judge described the injuries Taisague referred to as "amorphous ones," such as "damage to reputation, emotional distress, and reduced sense of well-being."

Tydingco-Gatewood said this case appears more akin to the monetary injury incurred from a loss of employment: He was receiving 100 percent of his pension payments; now he is receiving 75 percent.

"This monetary change does not also carry a change in Taisague's duties or obligations. Nor does it carry a social stigma. At bottom, it is solely a monetary injury that can be repaired," she said.

Taisague also argues that nothing can stop the government from later electing to stop providing his retirement benefits.

"This is possible, to be sure," the judge concedes. "But harm must be more than possible; it must be likely." Tydingco-Gatewood pointed out that Taisague has not submitted any evidence suggesting this to be likely.

In fact, the judge noted, all evidence indicates that Taisague will continue to receive 75 percent of his pension payments and full health insurance coverage.

"Therefore, the present possibility of the Commonwealth later electing to not pay Taisague any retirement benefits is not likely," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

Taisague is suing Inos, the CNMI government, Finance, and the Retirement Fund for entering into a settlement agreement with Betty Johnson that, according to him, is unconstitutional and illegal.

Taisague is among the 16 persons who opted out of the Johnson settlement agreement. He tried to intervene in Johnson's class action during the final fairness hearing but Tydingco-Gatewood denied his request as too late, among other reasons.



### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday Jelena Raeko Camacho Cepeda! May the Lord bless you on your special day, baby. Even if you're thousands of miles away, we are still thinking of you and miss you dearly. We love and miss you, Princess Nena. Love always, from Auntie Kim, Uncle Eric, brother Izaiah and your 670 family.

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JVA No. 13-055

Opening Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
Closing Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Trades Foreperson  
(Electrical)

**DUTIES:** Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Serves as a foreperson, leading a team of workers - assigning and monitoring work and providing technical direction. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

**LOCATION :** Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)

**SALARY :** \$21,104 to \$30,601 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.

**POSITIONS :** One (1).

**CONTRACT :** Not Contracted.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Four years of journey-level experience at the level of a Trades Technician (Electrician), or comparable experience related to the Power Generation area assigned—electrical, and including one year of experience leading a crew. Graduation from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an electrician. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 13-056

Opening Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
Closing Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Trades Technician  
(Operator)

**DUTIES:** Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

**LOCATION :** Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
(If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)

**SALARY :** \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.

**POSITIONS :** Six (6).

**CONTRACT :** Not Contracted.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible and proven experience in the trade—in this case operator. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 13-057

Opening Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
Closing Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Trades Technician  
(Mechanic)

**DUTIES:** Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

**LOCATION :** Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
(If needed, there may periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)

**SALARY :** \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.

**POSITIONS :** Ten (10)

**CONTRACT :** Not Contracted.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case mechanic. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 13-058

Opening Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
Closing Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Trades Technician  
(Electrician)

**DUTIES:** Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

**LOCATION :** Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
(If needed, there may periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)

**SALARY :** \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.

**POSITIONS :** Three (3).

**CONTRACT :** Not Contracted.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case electrical. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 13-059

Opening Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
Closing Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Stipulated Order II Project Coordinator

**DUTIES -** The Project Coordinator (PC) is under the supervision of the Petroleum and Compliance Manger (also known as the Technical Manager for Oil) or their designee. Position will be primarily responsible for oversight of assigned projects and compliance activities. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

**LOCATION :** Petroleum and Compliance Office, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

**SALARY :** Based on credentials and specialized experience \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 per annum.

**POSITIONS :** One (1).

**CONTRACT :** Two-year

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** A bachelor's degree or its equivalent in engineering or natural science. (An equivalent is an associate's degree in engineering or natural science and two years of direct oil experience; these two years are in addition to that detailed below.) Plus the following:

- 10 years in project administration and management, including overseeing work of contractors and company staff in an executive management position with proven management and communication skills.
- A minimum of three (3) years' experience with in oil spill, prevention, preparedness and response, environmental assessment related to power plant operations, and knowledge of DEQ and EPA regulations.
- 5 years of experience in preparing bid or request for quotations and proposals.
- 5 years of experience in contract negotiation and preparation.

**Desirable:**

- Prior experience of staff training and development.
- Certification in API tank inspection.

JVA No. 13-060

Opening Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
Closing Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Assistant Petroleum and Compliance Manager

**DUTIES –** The Assistant Petroleum and Compliance Manger (“AM”) shall work under the supervision of the Petroleum and Compliance Manger (also known as the Technical Manager for Oil) or his/her designee. Position shall be primarily responsible for oversight of projects and compliance activities including, but not limited to, oil management. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

**LOCATION :** Petroleum and Compliance Office, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

**SALARY :** Based on credentials and specialized experience \$55,000.00 to \$74,989.00 per annum.

**POSITIONS :** One (1).

**CONTRACT :** Two-year.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**


- A bachelor's degree in engineering or natural science.
- 10 years in project administration and management, including overseeing work of contractors and company staff in an executive management position with proven management and communication skills.
- A minimum of three (3) years' experience in oil spill, prevention, preparedness and response, environmental assessment related to power plant operations, and extensive knowledge of DEQ and EPA regulations.
- 5 years of experience in preparing bid documents or request for quotations and proposals.
- 5 years of experience in contract negotiation and preparation.

**Desirable:**

- Prior experience of staff training and development.
- Master's degree in engineering and registration as professional engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in civil, mechanical, environmental or chemical engineering.
- Certification in API tank inspection.

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement No. 13-040

Position Title: Instructor, Hospitality/Tourism  
Pay Level & Step: 29/01 – 29/02  
32/01 – 32/02  
Annual Salary: \$36,918.09 - \$38,210.22  
\$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 13-041

Position Title: Instructor, Education (SPED)  
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02  
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 13-042

Position Title: Instructor, Education  
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02  
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 13-044

Position Title: Program Coordinator I  
(Testing Center)  
Pay Level & Step: 24/01 – 24/02  
Annual Salary: \$29,461.73 - \$30,492.89  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 13-028

POSITION TITLE: Instructor, Nursing  
Minimum Pay Level & Step: Clinical Instructor: 30/01 – 30/02  
Academic Instructor: 32/01 – 32/02  
Minimum Annual Salary: Clinical Instructor: \$38,394.81 – 39,738.63  
Academic Instructor: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 13-031

POSITION TITLE: Admissions Specialist I  
Pay Level & Step: 20/01 – 20/02  
Annual Salary: \$24,330.79 - \$25,182.37  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 10/31/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 13-034

POSITION TITLE: Personnel Specialist I  
Pay Level & Step: 24/01 – 24/02  
Annual Salary: \$29,461.73 - \$30,492.89  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 10/31/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 13-038

POSITION TITLE: Financial Aid Specialist II  
Pay Level & Step: 25/01 – 25/02  
Annual Salary: \$30,905.35 - \$31,987.04  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 10/31/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 13-036

Position Title: Executive Secretary II, NMC  
(half-time)  
Pay Level & Step: 32/01-32/08  
Hourly Wage: \$12.37 - \$ 17.12 per hour  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 9/10/2013  
Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 13-046

Position Title: CHL Research Assistant I  
(Two Positions)  
Pay Level & Step: 10/1 – 10/2  
Hourly Wage: \$ 15,080.00 - \$ 15,607.80  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/29/2013  
Closing Date: 12/13/2013

*Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds.*

# Mettao gets 2 years for arson charge

The federal court imposed yesterday a two-year prison term on Aziz Peter Mettao, a former disc jockey who set fire to a car owned by Power 99 Studio.

After his release, Mettao will be placed on three years of supervised release.

Mettao was required to pay \$500 in restitution to Sorensen Media Group. He was given credit for time served.

The indictment charged Mettao with one count of malicious use of explosives, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison.

In June 2013, Mettao pleaded guilty to the charge of destruction of a motor vehicle, a charge that has no mandatory minimum period of imprisonment—as part of a plea deal.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy and defense counsel Mark Scoggins agreed to a 24-month prison sentence or the low end of the sentencing guidelines.

Badawy said the U.S. government believes that a sentence of 24 months imprisonment is appropriate.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglo-na presided over the trial.

Mettao used beer bottles that he filled with flammable liquid to burn the Power 99 vehicle—a 2010 Hyundai Tucson—that was parked near the radio station in western Garapan in the early morning of Sept. 10, 2012. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Taitano sentenced in US District Court

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced yesterday that Joaquin Taitano, 35, from Yigo, G u a m , was sentenced on Dec. 6, 2013, in the District Court of Guam, to 30 months imprisonment, three years supervised release, and 100 hours community service for conspiracy to distribute less than 5 grams of methamphetamine.

Taitano was charged in an indictment on April 27, 2013, with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. He pleaded guilty on June 28, 2011.

The investigation was conducted by task force agents from the Superior Court’s probation office assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde Lemons. *(USAO)*





# Lawmaker wants to end QC after July 1, 2014

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

If Rep. Antonio R. Agulto (Ind-Saipan) would have his way, he wants to put a stop to the Qualifying Certificate program, a form of tax relief for certain investors,

after July 1, 2014.

Agulto said the program "has not accomplished its purpose of attracting significant new investments in the Commonwealth; therefore the qualifying certificates should be discontinued."

Along with at least eight other lawmakers, Agulto introduced House Bill 18-148, providing a sunset provision for the issuance of qualifying certificates under the Investment Incentive Act.

"No qualifying certificates

shall be issued after July 1, 2014," reads the bill's proposed sunset provision.

Agulto said since its enactment in 2000, the Investment Incentive Act has had only four active beneficiaries.

The Qualifying Certificate

program aims to attract investors by offering tax relief for up to 25 years.

Commonwealth Development Authority executive director Manuel Sablan earlier expressed opposition to the idea of eliminating the program for

alleged failure to meet its mission and objectives.

The program's abolition keeps surfacing due to a belief that it provides too generous incentives, leaving the CNMI with little benefit. Sablan said CDA is open to possible amendments to the law that created the QC program but not its complete abolition.

## EAGI panel sets public hearing on judge, Labor secretary nominees

### »2 other board members up for hearings

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

More than two months after Gov. Eloy S. Inos appointed them on Oct. 3, Labor secretary-nominee Edith Deleon Guerrero and Superior Court associate judge-nominee Teresa Kim-Tenorio will finally have this week a public hearing on their nominations by the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation.

Their appointments require

the Senate's advice and consent.

The Senate EAGI committee reviews the governor's nominations and come up with recommendation for confirmation or rejection to the full Senate.

The committee's public hearing on Deleon Guerrero's nomination as Labor secretary is set for 10am today in the Senate chamber on Capital Hill.

This comes months after the governor merged Labor and the Workforce Investment Agency. Deleon Guerrero had been WIA executive director since 2006.

The public hearing on Kim-Tenorio's nomination is set for tomorrow, Wednesday, at 10am.

Kim-Tenorio, currently the governor's legal counsel, would

be the only woman in the CNMI Judiciary if confirmed by the Senate. When Inos was still lieutenant governor, Kim-Tenorio was his legal counsel.

The CNMI Bar Association gave Kim-Tenorio performance ratings of between "3" and "3.81" on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "unacceptable" and 5 as being "excellent."

These were much better than the failing ratings given by the Bar Association to the governor's previous nominee for the post, attorney Ray K. Quichocho.

Kim-Tenorio, a juris doctorate graduate of New England School of Law in Boston, received her certification under the CNMI Bar in May 2004 and

the Michigan Bar in 2002. She is also currently a trustee for the Judicial Historical Society.

In addition to her work in the Executive Branch, Kim-Tenorio previously worked as an attorney for the Law Office of G. Anthony Long and as legal counsel to the CNMI House of Representatives.

During her time as legal counsel to the lieutenant governor, Kim-Tenorio also served as a hearing officer for administrative cases brought before the CNMI Department of Labor.

### 2 other public hearings

The EAGI Committee, chaired by Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), will also hold at 1:30pm today a

## Rotary raises \$3.7K for Palau, PH

### »Red Cross says monetary donation still best

The Rotary Club of Saipan was able to raise a total of \$3,700 during its garage sale that was intended to benefit the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in Palau and the Philippines.

Rotary Club president Leila Y. Boyer said the civic organization will donate part of the proceeds to the Rotary Club of Koror.

"We want to thank the community for coming out for supporting our first garage sale for Rotary. We were able to raise about \$3,700 that we will be looking at donating to both Palau and the Philippines. But we are concentrating our efforts in Palau," said Boyer during an interview with the *Saipan Tribune* last week.

The garage sale was held Nov. 30 at the parking lot of Associated Insurance.

Boyer said that helping Palau makes sense because the Rotary Club of Saipan sponsored the chartering of the local Rotary Club back in the 1980s.

"The Rotary Club of Koror is our charter club. Back in the 1980s we sponsored the club. So we felt that in this great time of need we need to reach out and help our fellow Rotarians in Palau," she said.

Boyer said the garage sale was a huge success as Rotarians came in droves and donated stuff such as household items, toys, books, farm implements, glassware, and crystal.

In an interesting twist, Boyer said that some of those who bought stuff at the garage sale plan to send the items to their loved ones in the central Philippines, which bore the brunt of Haiyan last November.

"What's interesting is we

were told by the relief organizations that monetary donations are better. So instead of shipping the items we turned it into money. What happened was families were coming out and buying clothing items for their families in the Philippines. We thought it was interesting and it's better because it's individual and goes directly to the families affected."

### 'Monetary donation is still best'

American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh reiterated that when it comes to

assistance for disasters, monetary donation is still the best.

"Monetary is the best. If you go to the major international aid agencies they're all telling you to give monetary gifts and don't give in-kind," he told *Saipan Tribune* during MDX Amateur Club's turnover of a \$500 check to the humanitarian organization recently.

He said the local chapter of the Red Cross would continue to accept monetary donations until the end of December. He added that nationwide the Red Cross has received over \$35 million for Haiyan and that "it's only going to be used for there."

Hirsh said the Philippines

is a large country with a lot of resources and it doesn't necessarily need a box of clothing from Saipan.

"Even though it's a nice gesture and it's a very thoughtful thing to do, the logistics of trying to get one box of clothes or 10 boxes of clothes to a family in Leyte or Cebu or Tacloban right now is just going to be practically impossible. That is unless you know someone there. Maybe you know a church or you have an associate or a business contact where you can send these things directly to that person and then he has a church that he can give it out to." (Mark Rabago)

### SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – NMI CHAPTER

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<b>8:00 – 8:45 am</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b>
<b>8:45 – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Malou Ernest President, SHRM NMI Chapter Human Resources Director, Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc.
<b>9:00 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Mufi Hannemann Former Mayor of Honolulu, Hawaii Founder and Chairman of the Pacific Century Fellows
<b>10:00 – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>ACA Compliance</b> Sixto Iglisomar, Secretary of Commerce Kaitlyn Neises-Mocanu, Consumer Advocacy Officer Consumer Assistance Program, Department of Commerce
<b>12:00 – 12:15 pm</b>	<b>Summary &amp; Closing Remarks</b> Nora Mae Sablan Clinic Manager/Service Manager FHP Clinic and Take Care Insurance Co.
<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>

The presentation includes morning refreshments and lunch. The cost is \$30 for SHRM members and \$35 for non-members. Please contact Ms. Malou Jardinero at 234-7171 local 1518 or e-mail her at malou\_jardinero@tanholdings.com for reservations.

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## BOG DONATION

Bank of Guam employees contributed non-perishable food items to Catholic Social Services during the bank's annual Thanksgiving celebration on Nov. 26, 2013. Bank employees annually conduct two food drives, one in July and the other in November to Catholic Social Services. In photo, from left, are Pauline Adawag, assistant vice president/Hagatna branch operations manager; Ben Pablo, vice president/business development officer; Wayne Santos, vice president/marketing sales manager; Jesse Catahay, Catholic Social Services; Jolynn Cruz, assistant vice president/branch and HQ support manager; Jenalin Mantanona, assistant cashier/branch and HQ support officer.

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# DUI checkpoints this Friday, Saturday

The Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section will be conducting sobriety checkpoints this weekend, Dec. 13 and 14, 2013.

On Friday, Dec. 13, the first checkpoint is from 6pm to 7:15pm along Chalan Pale Arnold, Puerto Rico across Twin's Supermarket on the southbound lane.

The second checkpoint is from 9pm to 10:15pm along Beach Road Susupe, in front of the Minatchom Atdao on the southbound lane.

The third checkpoint is from 12:30am to 1:45am along Beach Road San Jose, in front of the CDA Office on the

northbound lane.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the first checkpoint is from 5pm to 6:15pm on Beach Road, Chalan Piao in front of Hopwood Jr. High School on the southbound lane.

The second checkpoint is from 8:30pm to 9:45pm on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Chalan Kiya by the CUC Waterloo on the westbound lane.

The third checkpoint is from 11pm to 12:15am on Beach Road Chalan Lau Lau, adjacent to the late Dr. Benusto Kaipat's residence on the southbound lane.

In between checkpoints, traffic officers and patrol officers will be conducting highway

criminal interdiction, saturation patrol at random locations, aggressive driver interdiction program, and speed enforcement.

For more information about the DUI sobriety checkpoints, contact Sgt. Anthony Macarinas at (670) 483-5818. (DPS)

## United Airlines launches 10-million-mile giveaway

### » Nonprofits nationwide to earn at least 25,000 MileagePlus miles each

**CHICAGO**—United Airlines launched yesterday the airline's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 10-million-mile giveaway, benefiting nearly three dozen nonprofits that provide services to people and communities in the United States and around the world. Individuals can vote online for their favorite of 35 organizations and, by doing so, determine how many MileagePlus award miles each nonprofit will receive.

United will give each of the organizations, which include the American Red Cross, Feeding America, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Operation USA and Ride 2 Recovery, a minimum of 25,000 miles. The airline will award the remainder of the 10 million miles based on the percentage of the total vote count each nonprofit receives.

"The MileagePlus 10-Million-Mile Giveaway is a great way for members and non-members alike to make a difference this holiday season for organizations that themselves make a difference for millions of people," said Praveen Sharma, United's vice president of loyalty.

Individuals may vote once daily at [www.10millioncharitymiles.com](http://www.10millioncharitymiles.com) through Dec. 31, 2013. United invites voters to spread the word, particularly on Facebook and Twitter. The airline will distribute the award miles by Jan. 31, 2014.

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# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

December 10, 2005

### Brown clarifies safe haven regs

A non-profit anti-human trafficking organization is hoping to bring about 30 forced prostitution victims as tourists into the Commonwealth before the end of this month. David J. Sablan, president of the United States International Mission Saipan, said yesterday that his group was working with the Attorney General's Office to have the human trafficking victims enter the CNMI through the Visitor Entry Permit process. Proposed regulations that would allow the entry of such victims on a Safe Haven Entry Permit are not expected to be adopted earlier than Christmas Day. Attorney General Pamela S. Brown said the AGO would make a decision on the victims coming in as tourists in a few days.

### 'Turnkey-Koblerville residents continue with holiday tradition

Residents of Turnkey in Koblerville continue with their holiday tradition by celebrating Dec. 31 with the annual & Santa's Parade and Fireworks Display. The Turnkey-Koblerville Community Association said Santa Claus would be giving gifts to fellow residents who have disabilities to bring holiday cheers to those people. Association leader Jack Muna said the group has begun distributing flyers to Turnkey residents about the event. During the parade, Santa and his reindeer sleigh will be ringing bells and tossing candies to everyone along the road. For families living at the loop area, you are advised to move to the main road to get a better view of Santa Claus who would be giving away candies, Muna said.

December 10, 2006

### Strike three on Headnote try

It's now official. The federal bill that seeks to help alleviate the woes of CNMI garment manufacturers failed to pass the U.S. Congress this week. Richard A. Pierce, governor's special assistant for trade relations and economic affairs, said in a statement Friday that the Headnote 3[a] amendment bill or S. 1954 "did not meet the [Senate Finance] Committee's profile for inclusion..." He said, "A [committee] spokesperson claimed that S. 1954, 'The Insular Possessions Act of 2005,' did not meet the committee's profile for inclusion in a session ending omnibus trade and tax bill, itself in jeopardy for passage this year, as senators and representatives scramble to conclude work before heading home for the holidays."

### Spinach being sold anew in stores

In September this year, the Department of Public Health advised the community to throw away any spinach from their refrigerators and refrain from eating them to avoid the E. coli outbreak that had occurred in the U.S. mainland. Months after that announcement, the healthy vegetable has found its way again to the shelves of supermarkets and grocery stores on the island. According to Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin P. Villagomez, salad lovers need not worry, as the Commonwealth's supply of spinach remains free of E. coli contamination.

December 10, 2007

### Tinian casino project on hold because of Saipan gaming bill

A Tinian casino plan has been put on hold because of a legislative move to legalize gaming on Saipan. Bridge Investment Group had scheduled its groundbreaking ceremony for the casino project for Dec. 28, 2007. But the event was postponed after the House of Representatives passed House Bill 15-322 on Wednesday. "Our company was caught by surprise by this action, as I am sure the rest of the Saipan public was," said Phillip Mendiola-Long, executive vice president of Bridge Investment Group.

### Cohen lists 7 deadly sins committed by island govts

A federal official has listed what he calls "the seven deadly sins" committed by governments that block private sector development in the islands. David B. Cohen, the U.S. deputy assistant secretary for insular affairs, said that although governments have a duty to regulate business, they must also learn to get out of the way. "In some cases, government actions and failures to act needlessly obstruct economic progress," he said in a speech before the Annual Conference of the Island Government Finance Officers' Association in Hawaii last week.

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## Head Start Policy Council Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Regular Meeting on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Oleai Head Start Resource Center, Oleai, Saipan.

- I. Preliminary Matters
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Quorum
  4. Adoption of Agenda
  5. Adoption of Minutes of November 22, 2013
- II. Public Comments
- III. Communication
  1. From the State Board of Education
  2. From the Office of Head Start
- IV. Monthly Reports
  1. Director
  2. Finance Director
  3. Center Representatives
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
  1. Self Assessment and Community Assessment Timelines
  2. HPC Standing Committees
- VII. Miscellaneous Matters
- VIII. Executive Session<sup>1</sup>
- IX. Next Meeting
- X. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at [candace.celis@cnmipss.org](mailto:candace.celis@cnmipss.org), several days notice is required.

/s/ Roy Ada  
Chairperson

<sup>1</sup>Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

## Procurement And Supply CNMI Government

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**RFP NO.: RFP14-DPL-005**  
 Submission Date: December 27, 2013      Time: 10:00 A.M.

**"SINGLE AUDIT FOR FY 2013 (FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES)  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"**

The complete Scope of Work for this project will be available on or after November 26, 2013 and may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing by email to Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary of Public Lands at [pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp](mailto:pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp) or to Ms. Rosalinda J. Ayuyu at [rayuyu@dpl.gov.mp](mailto:rayuyu@dpl.gov.mp) or by fax to (670) 234-3755 no later than 4:30 p.m., local time, on December 16, 2013.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Pedro A. Tenorio  
Secretary of Public Lands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director, Proc. & Supply



# GOVERNOR, VETO ELECTRONIC GAMING BILL.

## COMPARISONS

	Electronic Gaming	Casino
SLOT MACHINES	X	X
POKER	X	X
ROULETTE	X	X
BACCARAT	X	X
BLACKJACK	X	X
CRAPS	X	X
BIG WHEEL	X	X
PAI GOW	X	X
SIC BO	X	X

**ELECTRONIC GAMING IS CASINO!**  
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**RESPECT THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE!**

**“NO”... MEANS...” NO!!!!”**



**NO VETO...NO VOTES**  
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**LITIGATION STARTS • INITIATIVE STARTS**

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# Opinion

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## Forgiveness at heart of Mandela legacy

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Every once in a very great while, we get these people who rise above the confines of self. Nelson Mandela, who died on Thursday at the age of 95, was one of those. He navigated his life by the polestar not of self, but of freedom and in so doing, became the founding father of a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all people are created equal.

It is not that he was a perfect man. "In real life," he once wrote, "we deal, not with gods, but with ordinary humans like ourselves: men and women who are full of contradictions, who are stable and fickle, strong and weak, famous and infamous."

But if Mandela was heir to all those imperfections of humanity—and of course, he was—he was also able, when his country and the world needed him to—to make himself greater than the sum of his flaws.

If you doubt that, imagine for a moment a different scenario. Imagine a Nelson Mandela who came out of prison after 27 years—much if it spent at hard labor and in isolation upon an inhospitable rock called Robben Island—and seethed with fury. Imagine a Mandela who sought revenge against a white minority government that branded him a terrorist and stole so much of his life for the "crime" of wanting, and fighting, to be free. Imagine a Mandela who used the force of his legend and his moral authority to do what that government had long feared he would: issue a war cry, set black against white. The waters of the South Atlantic Ocean might still be running red.

Now, consider what actually did happen:

Mandela forgave. He forgave the government that segregated him to the margins of society and made him an outsider in his own country. He forgave the jailers who tried to break his body and spirit during his long incarceration. He forgave his country for hating him.

Not only that: when he completed his remarkable rise from South African "terrorist" under the apartheid regime to South African president in a new multiracial democracy, he made it a point to reach out and reassure nervous whites that they still had a place in the new nation now taking shape. And then there was the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Formed in 1995, it provided a forum for the airing and investigation of human rights abuses committed under apartheid—both by its defenders and those who fought against it. It was also tasked with making recommendations of amnesty for victimizers and reparations for their victims, and with constructing an authoritative and official record of what happened.

The process was imperfect—the military leaders of the apartheid regime refused to participate, the post-Mandela government was slow to act on the commission's findings. Still, it provided a visionary blueprint for the handling of human rights abuses and reflected a sophisticated understanding of a fundamental principle that escapes many of us: the victims can never be whole and never be healed until they are heard.

One can only speculate—and with no small bit of envy—how this country might now be different had it ever understood, as Mandela's country did, that there can be no reconciliation where there is

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## Madiba of the Ages

Gandhi, Churchill, King, and Mandela all stood in that "yes" place to dare to declare their hope, their dream, their confidence in the midst of "facts" that were telling them all was lost. Their presence of active hope made all the difference and the "impossible" happened. Thus wrote elderly colleague Jeannette Stanfield in Canada on her November Thanksgiving note.

Commenting on a Paul Gilding book, *The Great Disruption*, she added: Now it is our turn to "choose active, engaged and strategic hope." Human beings across the planet who are clear on our devastating situation must move through their despair and "roll up their sleeves." For we who are teachers, facilitators, and preachers, we must continue to empower and grow resilience across all sections of humanity in order that as we face more and more chaotic times, we will together be able to engender hope-filled action and compassion instead of fear and violence.

She is commenting on two disruptions observed by analysts chronicled in Gilding's book: climate change and the end of the economic growth model dear to economic planners of contemporary global society.

With most analytical bent headed straight into doomsday, it is heartening to hear and read of those who have the courage to say "nevertheless." From many commentators this week, we will hear that word in describing one who is now known as a strategic prophet of reconciliation and a walking evangelist of forgiveness, a hero in Bill Clinton's eyes.

The Madiba's much-quoted pronouncement against poverty is once again getting another drumming and drubbing. He said, "Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom."

Not for generational greatness, but Paul Clements—Dallas-born six years before we hit that town when we attended university, son of missionaries who served in India and Hong Kong, colleagues in a worldwide effort to further a comprehensive yet profound spirit movement on human development—is now running for the 6th district of Michigan's representative to the U.S. Congress. He was active in the divestiture movement at Harvard when he joined to protest the university's corporate funds from earning profits in apartheid South Africa. Paul served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Gambia in the late '80s. The Princeton PhD lad teaches at one of the state's universities.

Mandela's claim to fame is not his quotable quotes. Much quoted as he is, none of his lines act as leech in the mind that attaches itself to suck the blood out of one's passion, never again to be forgotten.

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Not his words but the incredible witness of his being that endears him to many of his global followers. All one has to do is watch the man in action, whether on stage or in office, and one can easily get mesmerized by a self so seemingly devoid of aggrandizement, yet so marvelously brimming with selfhood, and then, not calling attention to himself, invites each of us in his quiet ways to be likewise.

The forgiving applies as well to ex-VP Dick Cheney, the power behind the swivel chair while George Bush the younger sat in the White House's Oval Office. He was unrepentant in his vote to clear the ANC as a terrorist organization in the U.S. Congress. In fact, Mandela remained on the U.S. terrorist list until 2008, to Condoleezza Rice's great consternation.

We will say the "nevertheless" word to radio commentator Rush Limbaugh's harangue on the White House as using Mandela's demise to prop up Obama, and his venom against the Clintons, accusing the couple of being opportunistic political riders on the tailcoat of Mandela's greatness. We will even go so far as to forgive members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Kansas for tweeting that they are preparing to fly to South Africa to picket Mandela's state funeral!

To what length does one go to forgive? In the case of the Nobel Laureate Xhosa regal tribesman, it seems endless, making Obama's tribute appropriate: he belongs to the ages. For the act of pronouncing "nevertheless" and acting it to the fullest in one's being is not natural. It is an act of faith, lived through the crimson line of humanity's varied religious traditions of taking reality as one's own, and giving it the characteristic stamp of one's own being!

In Mandela's case, it was a walk out of prison, in his reference to more than the 27 years spent on Robben Island, Pollsmoor and Victor Verster prison's iron bars: "As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

Add the humor of a Tata (the honorific title for "father" in the Transvaal as well as in Malayo-Polynesia familiar to *Pinoy*s), the father of the reformed nation of South Africa quipped: "In my country we go to prison first and then become President."

The Rock of Ages lie in state this week.



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**Finapos Mañaina-ta**

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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**I** finapos tautau, ti siña talie` tinateña` sino sustansiaña soluke ta pokate yan talie` giya hita mismu haf` masusede. Estague` na pisu` nai man-mamatinas mañainata disision gi inapprueban inakongotman i Covenant.

Siha lumie` destrosiun geran dos, desde propiadat, linala` yan sumen makat na tinituhon dispues de man-huyuñg ginen kampon iya Chalan Kanoa yan Susupe. Ti manlistu sumot-ta na umarepите haf` fina` pos niha ni famaguon niha mismu. Poresu na mabota faborable i kontratan Covenant.

I man-mafañagu gi 1935 na sakan ni siha ti matuñgu` pinadesen gera piot ayu i man-mafañagu dispues de 1944. I mañainata kumatga sapet gera yan tinituhon gi hilu` destrosiau na ha` anen yan tanu` natibu.

Huñgan, i man-edukau na famaguon-ta mas klaru malie` finatson i kontrata. Lau petmanente na inakonfotma ya tinaka` tiempu estake para ta konbense federat para ta ta` un bumesita ennau na kontrata.

Sige ta labla hit pa`gu kulan mohon independiente iya Marianas. Atrasau sa` man-gaige hit gi papa` banderan Amerikanu. I primera responsabilidad-ta i para ta adelanta arelgun gobietnamento-ta gi papa` haf` gaige gi kontrata. Dispues de ennau, mana` mamtu` madiskute sin ma-oppe haf` i nuebu na diniseha ni binalulutan ni presenge na kontrata.

Homlu` i sige oppan sentiment man-hobenta gi asuntu siha na siña un` dia makayun para siha mismu. Gaige futturon niha gi haf` dispues mapetsige gi hilu` antau na inadiñgan.

**Haf` mohon futtuna-ta?**

Mafattu este na kuestion teñga` an oran deskansu. Sige pa`gu umafulu` ham piot` nai matuyu` gi puntan chalan ni madibidin dos. Unu antau na adelantu i otu inipus diskalentau. I karera mona siempre barañka antes de tafan mattu gi fina` yanu.

I sisteman demokrasia makat na modun gobietnu sa` todumafañasaunau gi memegaiña na disposision linahyan. Ti unu ha` mamatinas disision ni debi umatatiye nu i tautau siha. Mafotma sisteman demokrasia nu i tautau, pot i tautau yan para i tautau.

I presente na estau kulan guafen pagpag botkan ni gumupu miyas pot miyas hulu` gi mapagahes. Siempre u tunug i petbus ya u saga gi sagaña` nai dispues klaru i plaset publiku. Yangin ta danche, pues mas areglau finapos famaguonta. `An lache, pues todumafañasaunau gi fache` diskuidu. Ti presisu u masusede i tatatte.

**Signifikasion Fandañgo**

Sige hu kepula` haf` kumeke ilegña` "fandango". Hu tuñgu ha` na pot gupot` nai umakamu` dos tautau. Lau haf` sustansiana? Ha esp- lika un` amku` taiguine.

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not first truth. But then, the United States operates under a different credo: ignore it and it will go away. The fact that it has never worked has never dissuaded the country from believing it.

"Now he belongs to the ages." What Secretary of War Edwin Stanton famously said of Abraham Lincoln when the 16th president died, President Barack Obama repeated Thursday of Nelson Mandela. And so he does. Now history—South African and international—moves on without the man who did so much to shape it and bend it toward good.

But the legacy he leaves will shadow that history, always. And that's a reason for hope at a time when such reasons are in desperately short supply.

It is easy to be dismayed when one surveys the American political scene, as one listens to the small-minded nattering of mediocre minds unable to conceive of any cause higher than ideology or self. But in Nelson Mandela's long and singular life, we are reminded that it does not have to be that way.

Selfishness is a choice. Mandela refused to make it. And the world is a better place because he did.

Matutuhon gi planon familia. Ha inklsu mapunu` ga`ga`, prebension golai, aguon, peskan tasi, fina` mames, yan gimen siha. Debi u guaha mento` ni para u dinirihe todumafañasaunau i che`chu`.

Sumasaunau kusuneru, tautau hotnu, muñgayu, mahatsan fandañgeru, a`ug para i pueñgen komplimentu, fina` neñgkanu para i man-manayuda, mapunu` ga`ga`, yan peska.

Mientras mas hihot i okasion, mas bibu i mento` gi disposision todumafañasaunau i debi u fan machogue. U fattu ayu na ora antes de ha` anen fandango` nai ni mento` tiha tuñgu haf` masusede. Estague` nai humalom signifikasion fandango` nai man-atotpe todus gi un` fina` riñkon` nai maliñgon ñaihon todumafañasaunau areglu. Poreso na mafana`an fandañgo.

Hu lie` este na tiru` nai todumafañasaunau man-mananagu` ya ni unu malago` matagu`. De dios mihu na te`ug champuladu. Mauleg na u fa` amigo i kusuneru ya sessuyu` hana` yane todumafañasaunau klasen boka. I kusina` nai gaige i paire na sentada desde pigu` katdun to` lañg, motsiyas manog, yan pikaka na kelaguen higadun guaka yan tiau.

**Setbisiun gobietnu**

Humanau-yu para bai` rinueba lisensiaghu mañugon. Ilegña un` hoben gi tatten bintana hahanau mage gi Mietkoles sa` ayu` nai siña hau ma-ayuda segun i lai.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**What equality?**

No one asked Mr. Alexandro Sablan to make reference to his position that "all men are created equal." He said it and I was just merely suggesting that that is not true. All I said is that the word "equal" or "equality" by itself does not mean anything. I suggested that Mr. Sablan should give precise meaning, referencing "equal to what" or "equality of what" in order to verify and clarify the meaning of what he had in mind. Physiologically and psychologically, no one is equal, and God made it that way. But God certainly made the man equal to himself. In other words, Mr. Sablan is only equal to himself. The God that I know (the God of Abraham, the God of Jacob, and the God of Joshua) created Adam, and from the rib of Adam, created Eve; they were not equal. If God meant to make all men equal, he would have created Adam and Steve instead. I believe that a man a woman is not equal as it says in the Bible.

I don't like harmonica and I don't know how to make music with this instrument. Certainly I will be out of tune if I kid around with it. In the same perspective, music with poorly written lyrics, even if the melody is good, is nothing more than noise in the background. Somehow we boast of some deeds that we encase ourselves in but never reflect on the true faults in our ego. That is the curse of all the things that made us all unequal. You see, Mr. Sablan, your music is only appreciated by the indigenous people of the CNMI and others who know your language and accept the art in your music. Do you really think that the expatriates and all the non-citizens on these islands care about your music? Think again and more deeply because all these about you are not equal. Do you think that your music is all good to all people? So some like your talent, but a lot don't like your music as well, thus it is not equal and frankly, where is the equality you posit?

You postulated the idea that "times have changed" by thinking that it is fatal for the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian to connect with their past. Out with the old and in with the new, as often referred to by people like you. And yet you are suggesting that you professed and bonded by 1 Corinthians 13. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about 2,007 years ago. That is a long time, Mr. Sablan. Now, is it or is it not that our ancestors and elders could provide the wisdom to all of us? If you are one that is abandoning, disparaging, and ridiculing your own ancestral connect, Mr. Sablan you are really unequal to what your past has made you what you are today. I would tell you that in all of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he was upfront with the people of Corinth, engaging them to be guarded and mindful of the hypocrites, wicked people speaking strange tongues, and the rhetoric of those who boast about themselves.

Pa`gu ha` ha sañgan ennau, malofan i ma`gasna (primuhu) ya finaisen hafa bidadaña na para u kekuentos pot lai ni taigue gi leblu. Dispues sinañgane haye hafafana`. "Gaseteru este na tautau ya ha lachai hit gumalute gigon fatsu setbisiota". Mamatkilu ya ha hedduge` gi un` banda. De dios na mañan empleau lau polu pot nuebu gi offisioña.

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I otu: Man-aplika un` tautau lisensia. `Nai mattu gi offisina, sinañgane ni empleau na u fafatu gi sigiente dia sa` taigue i ma`gas.

Gi sigiente dia ha birague`. I mismu tautau ni tumagu` na esta i sigiente dia fumitma i papet. Haf` mohon na ti desde primet dia u fitma i lisensia? Lau estague` na mañan Rai Hirodes mangaige gi tatten lamasu ni man-makone para u ayuda i publiku. De dios na mañan Judas!

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Dispues, sessu hu soda` empleau man-mafattu gi resturan (restaurant) gi oran` las dies para u fan amotsa. Kase dididi` taftaf. Lau buente para umanadaña amotsan oga`an yan taloane. `Nai man-huyuñg dispues de kuartu oras, man-hahanau para i gima`. Pot fabot sa` inapasen mame ni publiku tax sumesueddu hamyu. Haf` mohon ya inna` guaha unestu na konsiderasion?

**‘This is being equal’**

Dear Francisco: Leaving behind the Old Testament as being fulfilled by Jesus Christ our Lord in the New Testament, "Do unto others as you would others unto you." This is being equal.

"These are my brothers, and my sisters, and my mothers." This is being equal. "The Gospel is for the Greeks, for the Jews, for the free and for the captives, for males and for females." This is being equal.

"This land is your land, this land is my land." This is being equal. And the list goes on and on and on.

The point is, we can all live and thrive together in this small land for with God, "nothing can be impossible." Opportunity is available to everyone and to live it up to God rather than to lean unto our own understanding is a wise option. *Enfin Serafin.*

**Alexandro "The Colonel" Sablan**  
*Dandan, Saipan*

house as his house. The desires of the invitee and the host become a dividing line.

In the case of the Irish in Washington D.C., when a large minority overcame the Irish population there, the Irish moved out of Washington, D.C., as apparently the Irish could not tolerate the new migrants. They had to move across the Potomac. The United States has a large habitable landmass and the move was no problem to the Irish. In the CNMI, where would the indigenous people go? This is the only place that they have and, with their small population, they will be subjected to painful domination by outsiders who invited themselves to these islands. The next alternative for the indigenous people is to fight, but that has to be avoided at all cost and cause. Avoiding it is now, not 20 or 30 years from now when revolution is the "just war" to right a wrong of past. And the message to Mr. Sablan is, the pain to the indigenous people would be much greater than death.






**Francisco R. Agulto**  
*Kannat Tabla, Saipan*



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Palau	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 91 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Kosrae	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 79

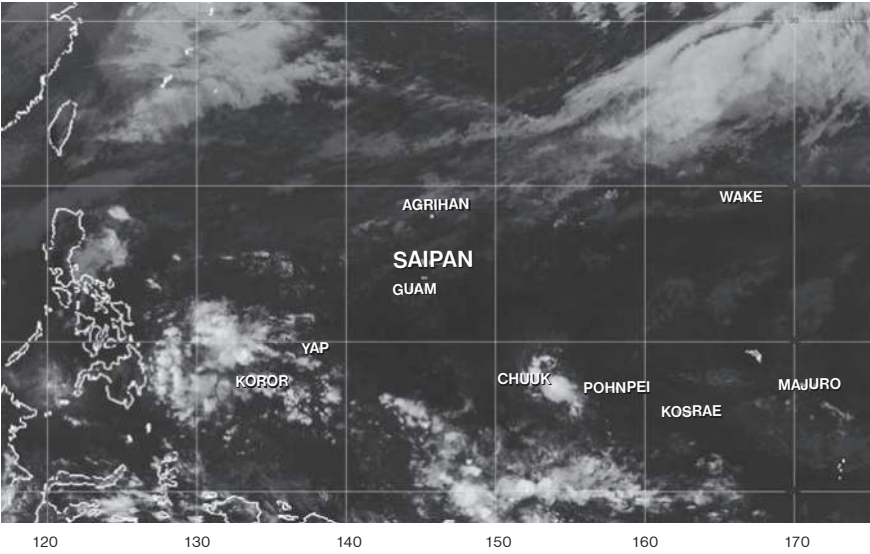
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Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 59
Beijing	Windy	▲ 46 ▼ 23
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 63
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 72
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 48 ▼ 39
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 37
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 52
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 71
New York	Rain	▲ 43 ▼ 34
Osaka	Rain	▲ 55 ▼ 42
Paris	Sunny	▲ 45 ▼ 32
Pusan	Windy	▲ 48 ▼ 35
Rome	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 42
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 35 ▼ 27
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 52 ▼ 35
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 37 ▼ 28
Tokyo	Rain	▲ 62 ▼ 40
Washington, DC	Rain	▲ 42 ▼ 35

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:49 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
7:20 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
2:06 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
8:57 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation is located near 2N131E. Convergence north of it is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Palau and Yap between 4N and 11N from 130E to 138E. A near equatorial trough stretches from 5N144E to EQ153E and is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk between the equator and 5N from 145E to 150E and between the equator and 3N from 150E to 158E. A surface trough east of Chuuk extends from 5N157E to 9N153E and is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 6N and 12N from 153E to 156E. A cold front enters the discussion area east of Minami Tori Shima near 25N161E and stretches to 21N160E then continues as a shear line to 14N130E. Clouds and showers and be found along and up to 200 miles north of the boundary. A second cold front enters the discussion area near 21N180 and extends to 21N170E. Clouds and showers and be found along and up to 150 miles north of the boundary.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:32 AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:32 AM	5:47 PM
Wednesday	6:33 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:33 AM	5:48 PM
Friday	6:34 AM	5:48 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:50 AM
Tuesday	12:33 PM 12:07 AM
Wednesday	1:16 PM 1:01 AM
Thursday	1:59 PM 1:54 AM
Friday	2:42 PM 2:46 AM

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<b>SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)</b> DL287 6:05am 11:25pm 2, 6 via NRT	<b>PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN</b> DL298 4:35am 3:00pm 3, 7 via NRT
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b> DL287 6:05am 8:40am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 DL297 4:30pm 7:20pm Daily	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b> DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:55pm 1:30am+1 1, 3, 4, 5, 7
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b> OZ608 3:10am 6:20am 1, 4, 5, 7	<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b> OZ607 9:00pm 1:50am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
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<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b> 3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b> 3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b> MU764 4:10am 8:00am 1, 5	<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b> MU763 7:55pm 3:10am+1 4, 7
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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LANCE CPL. ALISSA SCHUNING

Hornets take off from Anderson Air Force Base, Guam to participate in an air-to-air combat simulation on Dec. 6 during Exercise Forager Fury II. The series of exercises which Marine Aircraft Group 12 is conducting in the Mariana Islands focus on refining core skills within the squadrons and MAG. This, in turn prepares them to function as an integrated air unit able to perform a wide range of missions. The F/A-18s are with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 112, Marine Aircraft Group 41 is currently assigned to MAG-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program.

# MAG-12 holds air-to-air training over Farallon

By PFC. ALISSA SCHUNING  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

**ANDERSON AFB, Guam**—Squadrons with Marine Aircraft Group 12 conducted an air-to-air combat simulation Dec. 6 above Farallon de Medinilla in the Northern Mariana Islands during Exercise Forager Fury II.

The participating squadrons were Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2, MAG-14; Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 112, MAG-41; VMFA-232, MAG-11; and

Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242, all currently assigned to MAG-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The squadrons are currently deployed to Guam for Forager Fury II, which allows MAG-12 to improve aviation combat readiness and will simulate operations in a deployed, expeditionary environment.

“This was an opportunity to operate as a MAG,” said Lt. Col. David Boland, executive officer of VMFA-112, “The Cowboys.” “Most of the time

when we are attached to the MAG, we are three or four different entities that do our own individual training inside our squadrons, we don’t necessarily train as part of the MAG. This gave us the opportunity to come together.”

The pilots of VMFA-112, VMFA-242, and VMAQ-2 acted as the opposing forces while VMFA-232 acted as the defense for the island. The mission of the opposing forces was to successfully strike a predetermined target without being shot down by the defense.

Both sides used U.S. tactics making it particularly difficult for each side to complete their mission.

“It gave us the opportunity to execute the tactics we know and see how well it works against, what would probably be the worst-case scenario, which is us fighting us,” said Capt. Timothy J. Fareg, pilot training officer with VMFA-232, “The Red Devils.” “It was very eye-opening to see how our tactics worked well against us.”

While fighting against their

own strategies, the offense was still able to successfully eliminate their target.

“It’s great that the opposing forces were able to strike their target because it proves that, even against the strongest defense they could face, they were still able to succeed in their mission,” said Fareg.

With more than 20 aircraft flying, it was a rare experience for the pilots.

“We don’t get to use so many aircraft that often, normally the most that we have is four against four, so it’s a very

unique type of environment that we get to train and execute in, which we wouldn’t get the chance to do otherwise,” said Capt. Syeda Rashid, weapons sensor officer with VMFA-242, “The Bats.”

Throughout Forager Fury II, squadrons are planning to do more air-to-air combat simulations together as a MAG.

“Things like this are the reason MAG-12 is out here doing this exercise,” said Boland. “The goal of Forager Fury II is to combine all the assets into one as if we were going to war.



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO RUBIO

Sgt. Obrian Rodriguez waits for an F/A-18A to connect with the M-31 Marine Corps expeditionary arresting gear system’s cable Dec. 5 at Tinian’s West Field during an arrestment landing exercise in Forager Fury II.



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO RUBIO

Lance Cpl. Erik Campos monitors an F/A-18A Hornet being refueled Dec. 5 at Tinian’s West Field during an arrestment landing exercise for exercise Forager Fury II. The training consisted of rapid ground refueling and arrested landing operations, extending aviation training throughout the Mariana Island Range Complex.



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO RUBIO

An F/A-18A++ Hornet lands on the runway to be stopped by M-31 Marine Corps expeditionary arresting gear systems Dec. 5 at Tinian’s West Field during exercise Forager Fury II.

By LANCE CPL. ANTONIO RUBIO  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

**TINIAN, Northern Mariana Islands**—Marine Wing Support Squadron-171 conducted an arrestment landing exercise using two M-31 Marine Corps expeditionary arresting gear systems on Dec. 5 at Tinian’s West Field during Exercise Forager Fury II.

The exercise allows units to rapidly conduct ground refueling and arrested landing operations, extending aviation training throughout the Mariana Island Range Complex.

Marine Aircraft Wing and Marine Aircraft Group exercises

and training on Guam and within the MIRC demonstrate the Aviation Combat Element capabilities of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. Aviation capabilities enable the MAGTF to project force or respond to crises throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

The Marines are with MWSS-171, MAG 12, 1st MAW, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The squadrons that participated in the training were Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 112, “The Cowboys,” from

Fort Worth, Texas, and VMFA 232, “The Red Devils,” from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., who are currently deployed to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, under the unit deployment program with MAG-12.

“The mission of MWSS-171 was to establish a forward arming and repairing point at West Field so aircraft could come in, land, and fuel up,” said Lt. Col. Howard Eyth, commanding officer of MWSS-171. “The purpose of the training was to conduct arrestment landings, so

pilots could bring the aircraft to a rapid halt in the event they experience an emergency.”

During this training, Marine aviation units are able to practice, train for, and execute the six functions of Marine aviation: assault support, anti-aircraft warfare, offensive air support, electronic warfare, control of aircraft and missiles, and aerial reconnaissance.

“Being the airfield operations Marines, we provide the aviation ground support aspect of the exercise,” said Chief Warrant Officer

Charles Dine, expeditionary airfield fire and emergency services officer with MWSS-171. “We’re enablers for these types of exercises. [MWSS-171] provides the fuel, the arresting gear and aircraft rescue and firefighting services.”

MWSS-171 effectively accomplished nine arrestment landings within a 30-minute time frame after having successfully installed the M-31.

“The training out here is for everybody,” said Staff Sgt. Joaquin Moreno, the expeditionary air-

field staff noncommissioned officer in charge with MWSS-171. “It’s for the Marines to install the arresting gear, operate it and push it to its maximum output. It is for the command to know the abilities of its units that are not organic to it. And ultimately, for the commander to be aware that he can employ any arresting gear system in any climate and place.”

The series of exercises that MAG-12 is conducting in the Mariana Islands focus on refining core skills within the squadrons and MAG. This in turn prepares them to function as an integrated air unit able to perform a wide range of missions.

## Marines complete arrested landings on Tinian



# 'Sumos' land on Tinian's North Field during FFII

By LANCE CPL. ANTONIO RUBIO  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

**TINIAN, Northern Mariana Island**—For only the second time in recent years, a KC-130J Hercules aircraft lands on Baker runway at Tinian's North Field on Dec. 5 during Exercise Forager Fury II.

FF II will allow Marine Aircraft Group 12 to improve aviation combat readiness and will simulate operations in a deployed, expeditionary environment.

"Tinian allows us to put a lot of Marines in the field and build those expeditionary runways, make clearings, set up radar, set up com-nods in an environment where there is no infrastructure to start from, so we're truly in the field," said Brig. Gen. Steven Rudder, commanding general of 1st Marine Air Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "What MAG-12 has done out here is exactly what our mission set calls for, take the MAG and all its critical assets and rapidly deploy them, put them in the field, and start operations."

The existing training areas provide an opportunity to establish an expeditionary airfield without the need for heavy equipment or major engineering projects.

"Marines prepared Baker to receive aircraft to allow us to conduct flight operations," said Lt. Col. Howard Eyth, commanding officer with MWSS-171, MAG-12, 1st MAW, III MEF. "Marines really enjoyed the opportunity to get tactical operating training and the experience they've employed to accomplish this task."



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO RUBIO

A KC-130J Super Hercules aircraft lands on Baker runway at Tinian's North Field Dec. 5 during Exercise Forager Fury II as a demonstration of the Marine Wing Support Squadron 171's ability to displace rapidly and generate significant combat power in an expeditionary environment. The aircraft is with the "Sumos", Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, part of Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, will be supplying essential requirements for Marines with 1st MAW, III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 in support of Exercise FF II.

Training on Tinian's North Field also included base cantonment life support and tactical logistics support which played a role in expeditionary airfield development, according to Eyth. The North Field exercise operations focused on clearing, stripping and repairing deteriorated runways.

With the opportunity provided, operations did face a challenge to exercise specific unit capabilities while restoring and

preserving some of our treasured national landmarks, according to Capt. Patrick Junick, engineer combat commander with MWSS-171.

"It's been a challenge not damaging the asphalt while clearing it, particular with Able runway," said Junick. "To watch the [heavy equipment] and [combat engineers] Marines go through the vegetation of Charlie and Dog and the taxiways connecting the two was

just amazing to watch. In four weeks, those Marines took a jungle and restored it into four runways."

The runways at North Field have extensive damage from the surface erosion and vegetation overgrowth, according to Sgt. Jonathan Sanchez, heavy equipment operator with MWSS-171. Removing vegetation from previously disturbed surfaces and restoring portions of North Field presented a significant

opportunity to develop tactical expeditionary airfield, allowed Marines to hone their skills.

"The main obstacle we faced was the heavy brush visibility," said Sanchez. "We were trying to take out the roots but the branches and the thick brush hinder our ability to see what was going on. However, I'm glad exercises like this do occur because this right here brings us back to mastering the basics and that's one of the key things.

Mastering the basics allows for junior Marines to move on something more complex and my Marines definitely did that out here, whether pushing trees or turning wrenches."

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## Marianas-based civilian mariners renew life support certifications

By TIMOTHY WILSON  
JOINT REGION MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**PACIFIC OCEAN**—Medical personnel from U.S. Naval

Hospital Guam recertified 14 Military Sealift Command personnel in life-saving techniques aboard USNS 2nd Lt. John P. Bobo on Dec. 3.

Bobo is part of MSC's Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron 3 based principally in Guam and Saipan. The ship delivers military cargo ashore

even if a port is damaged, destroyed, or doesn't exist at all.

Chief Hospitalman Stephen Royall and Chief Hospitalman Sharon Calmese facilitated a refresher seminar on Basic Life Support and Heart Saver Artificial External Defibrillator procedures for the civilian mariners.

"BLS is the most basic, most important thing anyone can do to help someone in an emergency," Royall said. "You may be the difference between some living and dying because you were there, so we teach the masses how to perform these techniques."

The course is required every two years to update anyone already certified in BLS and AED procedures. In a life-threatening situation, regardless of the first person on the scene, whether medical personnel, fire services, police officers or civilian bystanders, BLS is the first emergency medical action taken to help save the victim's life, Royall said.

"I took this refresher course to remind myself how to save lives," said Store Assistant Randy Soriano, an MSC civilian mariner attending the class. "It's important to know what to do."



MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS TIMOTHY WILSON

Chief Hospitalman Stephen Royall, of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, demonstrates the use of an Artificial External Defibrillator to civilian mariners aboard USNS 2nd Lt. John P. Bobo on Dec. 3. Participants engaged in a refresher course necessary every two years for basic life-saving techniques.

On U.S. Navy and MSC vessels, in addition to medical personnel, typically personnel in any supervisory role or job involving electrical and mechanical equipment must be BLS certified.

"My job was to make sure the participants performed the compressions, head-tilting and breathing properly," Calmese said. "With a class this size, it is important to help monitor everyone's techniques."

Royall added that BLS is the

best tool anyone can have and the training provided to the personnel will be invaluable if the participants need to use these skills in a real-life situation.

"The training went very well," Royall said. "The questions were engaging and I think the drills performed here really show what kind of energy and skill it requires to administer BLS. With a refresher course, it helps them focus on what can save a life."



MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS TIMOTHY WILSON

Chief Hospitalman Sharon Calmese, of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, observes Military Sealift Command personnel as they perform Basic Life Support techniques during a recertification course aboard USNS 2nd Lt. John P. Bobo on Dec. 3. Fourteen members of the crew practiced life-saving procedures during the class.



# Thank you 'Project Minagof'

## » Close to 600 Guam Guardsmen in Afghanistan receive care packages, gifts from home

By SGT EDDIE SIGUENZA  
GUAM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

**CAMP PHOENIX, Afghanistan**—Guam loves its National Guardsmen.

It was evident Nov. 20, when Chamorro warriors stationed throughout Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom received care packages from Project *Minagof*, a program sponsored by Guam's governor and lieutenant governor and supported by nearly a hundred businesses and individuals. Add a horde of community support, and you have an island that cares for its nearly 600 sons and daughters overseas.

"Our soldiers are very grateful for this. They're aware a lot of effort was put into this back home," said Lt. Col. Michael Tougher, Task Force Guam commander and leader of 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard. "We received so much community support since we started this mission. We cannot thank Guam enough, we're very happy Project *Minagof* came through for us in this way."

Every soldier received a care package. Inside were remedies for a Guam service member missing home—a can of Spam, magazine, locally-made cookies and snacks, lanyard, and the famous Chamorro medicine: a bottle of Tabasco.

"This is just one way for us to bring home closer to them and remind them that we are grateful for their service," Guam Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio said via the governor's website.

In Guam's native language, Chamorro, *Minagof* means "joy." The boxes included greeting cards, Guam stickers, hats and a 4-foot Guam seal inscription worked by Southern High School and Guam High School.

"Our servicemen and women are some of the most patriotic Americans. They are proud Americans and they represent our island well," Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo said. "This project demonstrates their Guamanian family's continued support and gratitude for their service."

Project *Minagof* sent 200-plus care packages to the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Security Forces Squadron also on deployment.

In Kabul, soldiers from Headquarters Company excitedly received more than 100 boxes. Capt. Gene Guerrero, HHC commander, called his entire unit together to issue the care packages.

"We appreciate this. Everyone was honored to get one," said Guerrero. "This is a tremendous gesture and we humbly thank Project *Minagof*. You can see it in the soldiers' eyes they were happy to receive them."

Across town, Charlie Com-

pany soldiers at Camp Eggers likewise enjoyed their new mail.

"It is always great to see our island community pull together to show their appreciation of our Guam soldiers, to let them know they are not forgotten and are proud of their work and commitment to our nation," said Capt. John Salas, Charlie Company commander. "The Project *Minagof* initiative was a hit for every soldier. There were smiles everywhere as soldiers opened up their care packages. We all appreciate this. Kudos to the governor, lieutenant governor, sponsors and the people of Guam for making this happen."

In Guam, businesses and individuals made monetary donations to Project *Minagof* to support Guam soldiers. Volunteers got together to sort items and package them for shipping. This process started months ago, but it was in early November when care packages were finally sent to Afghanistan.

Each care package was worth about \$50, and total cost to send them was about \$10,000.

"It's tough to put one care package together, yet Project *Minagof* sent us 600," Tougher said. "Words do not describe what they're done for the morale of our troops. Our soldiers are very thankful for this show of support, it reminds them of the Chamorro generosity they are coming home to very soon."



SGT. EDDIE SIGUENZA

Care packages from Project *Minagof*, a program sponsored by Guam's governor and lieutenant governor, wait to be distributed to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, Nov. 20 at Camp Eggers, Kabul, Afghanistan. Shown is Staff Sgt. John M. Concepcion.



SGT. EDDIE SIGUENZA

Elated soldiers from the Guam Army National Guard's Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, toss their Project *Minagof* care packages into the air Nov. 20 at Camp Phoenix, Kabul, Afghanistan. Close to 600 Guam Guardsmen received packages from a program sponsored by Guam's lieutenant governor, Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio.



SGT. EDDIE SIGUENZA

Capt. Venesia R. Luzanta, left, executive officer for Headquarters-Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, and Chief Warrant Officer Steve P. Pangelinan, assistant personnel officer, display their Project *Minagof* care packages Nov. 20 at Camp Phoenix, Kabul, Afghanistan.

First Sgt. Noel V. Leon Guerrero, first sergeant of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, Guam Army National Guard, displays a care package he received from Project *Minagof* mid-November at Camp Eggers, Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Echo Company soldiers from the Guam Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, happily display their care packages from Project *Minagof*, a program spearheaded by the governor and lieutenant governor of Guam.



# Business

## Immigration activists, women's groups tie up to push for rights

By JUSTINE MCDANIEL  
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON—Immigrant rights and feminist organizations are coming together in an attempt to reframe immigration as a women's issue, which they hope will redefine the fight over changing the nation's immigration laws.

So far, the groups have sought to influence immigration legislation in the Senate, undertaken large-scale demonstrations and united national women's groups.

And even as chances of an immigration overhaul have faded in recent weeks, their efforts have mobilized women across the country.

"When you ask people what images they think of when they think of immigration reform, (it's) often men, scary looking, scaling the border walls," said Pramila Jayapal, co-chair of We Belong Together, a national immigration campaign that focuses on women. "The idea that it's really women and children that are the majority of immigrants to the United States is completely lost."

The groups see opposition to a comprehensive immigration overhaul as having a larger effect on gender equality, and they say it is part of a "war on women" that devalues the work of female immigrants and keeps them vulnerable.

Their opponents, meanwhile, see it as nothing more than a stunt to push a pro-immigration agenda. Gender is immaterial to immigration policy, they said.

"Saying 'a vote against immigration reform is a vote against women' is dishonest and insulting," said Kristen Williamson, spokeswoman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which promotes policies that reduce immigration. "In reality, a vote for amnesty and increased immigration is a vote against the American worker."

Although household workers—many of whom are immigrants—began organizing as part

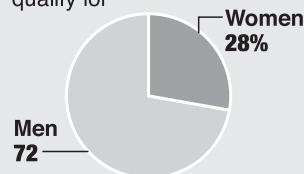
### Women and immigration

*More than half of the 40 million immigrants in the U.S., both naturalized and undocumented, are women, yet advocates say immigration policies make life more challenging for them.*

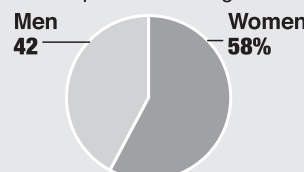
#### Who gets visas

Visa holders by gender

**Employment-based** System prioritizes high-tech, high-skilled jobs that fewer women qualify for



**Family-based** Most women rely on this system for legalization, with a 4.3 million-person backlog



Source: Asian Pacific American Legal Fund, U.S. Census Bureau  
Graphic: Judy Treible © 2013 MCT

of the feminist movement in the 1970s, a comprehensive case for immigration as a women's issue was not made until 2010, when Jayapal collaborated with feminist icon Gloria Steinem to write an article linking the issues.

Since then, the cause has brought together immigrant and feminist organizations, including the Miami Workers Center, the Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights, the National Organization for Women and the Global Women's Institute.

"From our perspective, the coalition in support of immigration reform has never been as big and diverse as it is now," said Natalie Camastra, a policy analyst for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health.

In September, 105 women activists were arrested at an immigrant rights demonstration in Washington.

The September protest was followed by nine demonstrations that targeted House of Representatives Republicans in different cities across the country, all organized by We Belong Together.

According to advocates, more than a quarter of employment visas go to women as the primary holders, because the system prioritizes male-dominated industries such as technology. In addition, more visas are available for workers with higher skills and education, which many women cannot get in their countries of origin.

This means the majority of immigrant women rely on the family-based visa system and thus are disproportionately represented in the backlog of 4.3 million immigrants awaiting such visas.

The coalition of women says these elements of the immigration system make it harder for female immigrants, including those who are already here. Their opponents say the U.S. should not structure its system around needs of non-Americans.

Women in both chambers of Congress have collaborated with advocates to discuss provisions aimed at protecting women, like creating more visas for female-dominated industries. When the Senate passed comprehensive immigration legislation in June, Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, wrote an amendment aimed at women's needs. She united a group of 13 of the Senate's 20 women, including one Republican, in order to get it passed.

"It was important for me to go to the women senators and garner their support, because the 'Gang of Eight' didn't think of this," she said, adding that the bill written by the eight male senators inadvertently disadvantaged women by putting an emphasis on high-skilled work.

In the House, congresswomen have united in the Congressional Women's Working Group on Immigration Reform, chaired by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif.

## Deal to boost global trade reached at WTO summit

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—A deal to boost global trade has been approved by the World Trade Organization's 159 member economies for the first time in nearly two decades, keeping alive the possibility that a broader agreement to create a level playing field for rich and poor countries can be reached in the future.

WTO Director-General Roberto Azevedo shed tears during the summit's closing ceremony Saturday as he thanked host nation Indonesia, WTO member countries and his wife.

"We have put the world back into the World Trade Organization," he said. "For the first time

in our history, the WTO has truly delivered."

Trade ministers had come to the four-day WTO meeting on the resort island of Bali with little hope that an agreement would be reached after years of inertia in trade negotiations.

The talks were threatened at the eleventh hour when Cuba objected to removal of a reference to the decades-long U.S. trade embargo that Cuba wants lifted.

India had also been an obstacle because of its vociferous objections to provisions that might endanger grain subsidies aimed at ensuring its poor get enough to eat. WTO members gave de-

veloping nations a temporary dispensation from subsidy limits, shelving the issue for negotiations at a later time.

The centerpiece of the agreement reached in Bali was measures to ease barriers to trade by simplifying customs procedures and making them more transparent.

The deal could boost global trade by \$1 trillion over time and also keeps alive the WTO's broader Doha Round of trade negotiations, sometimes known as the development round because of sweeping changes in regulations, taxes and subsidies that would benefit low income countries.

# Nation

## Storm along East Coast dumps snow, rain, sleet; snarls traffic

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—

A powerful storm that crept across the country dumped a mix of snow, freezing rain and sleet on the Mid-Atlantic region and headed northeast Sunday, turning NFL playing fields in Pennsylvania into winter wonderlands, threatening as much as a foot of snow in Delaware and New Jersey and raising concerns about a messy morning commute.

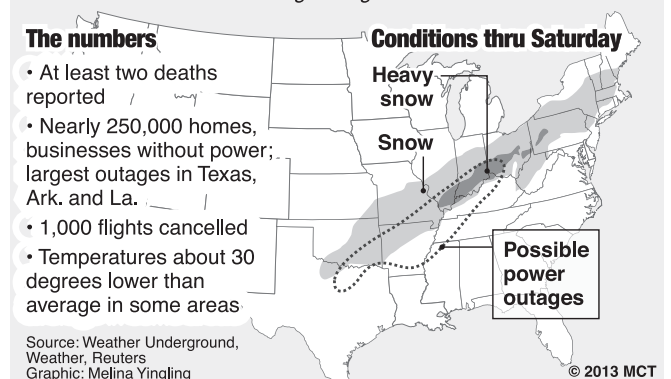
The storm forced the cancellation of thousands of flights across the U.S. and slowed traffic on roads, leading to a number of accidents, including a fatal crash on the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Morgantown that led to a series of fender-benders involving 50 cars that stranded some motorists for up to seven hours. More than two dozen vehicles were involved in another series of crashes on nearby Interstate 78.

What was forecast in the Philadelphia area to be a tame storm system with about an inch of snow gradually changing over to rain mushroomed into a full-blown snowstorm that snarled mid-afternoon traffic along Interstate 95 in Pennsylvania from the Delaware to New Jersey state lines.

Paul Jones, 24, a youth hockey coach from Warminster in the Philadelphia suburbs, was on his way to a game in Lancaster when he got stuck—along with

### One final blow

*A winter storm is delivering one final punch with a significant swath of snow and ice moving through the nation's midsection.*



his fiancée, another coach and three players—in a major back-up on the turnpike.

The roadway was "snow-covered, slick," Jones said in an interview from the car, where he was a passenger and had been at a standstill for more than an hour.

"People are in and out" of their vehicles, he said. "Kids are having a snowball fight on the side of the road, making snow angels, people are walking their dogs."

The National Weather Service said the low pressure system from North Carolina north to New England was being fed by disturbances from the southwest and moist air off the Atlantic.

The forecast called for the wintry mix to continue through Sunday, turning to

rain early Monday. Total snow accumulation in some sections of southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and southern New Jersey could reach 9 to 11 inches, while other areas could see as little as an inch or 2, said Valerie Meola, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Mount Holly, N.J.

The snow fell so heavily in Philadelphia on Sunday that yard markers at Lincoln Financial Field—where the Eagles beat the Detroit Lions—were completely obscured. It was almost as bad in Pittsburgh, where the snow intensified after the opening kickoff.

Philadelphia fan Dave Hamilton, of Ivyland, layered up for the game, wearing an Eagles shirt topped with an Eagles sweatshirt and Eagles winter coat.

## Survivors recall Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP)—For the first time since the war, Alvis Taylor returned to Pearl Harbor and recalled the surprise Japanese air attack that plunged America into World War II.

He was serving as an Army medic when the Dec. 7, 1941 attack began. His superiors, who were doctors, rushed to hospitals to care for the wounded. He went to Pearl Harbor, about 18 miles south of his Army post at Schofield Barracks, with dozens of ambulances.

"I remember everything that happened that day," the 90-year-old Davenport, Iowa, resident said.

Taylor decided to return to Pearl Harbor for the first time since the war because the local chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America paid for him and his wife to make the trip.

He was among about 50 survivors of the attack and some 2,500 others who gathered Saturday on the 72nd anniversary of the Japanese air raid.

They honored those who were killed, those who fired back, those who rescued the burned, and those who went on to serve during the war. Roughly 2,400 sailors, Ma-

rines and soldiers were killed at Pearl Harbor and other military installations on the island of Oahu in the attack.

Of the tens of thousands of servicemen who survived, about 2,000 to 2,500 are still living.

Delton Walling, who was assigned to the USS Pennsylvania at the time of the attack, said they're "in the twilight years."

"I come back to be with my comrades—meet the ones who are still alive, and we're going fast," said Walling, who is 92 and lives near Sacramento, Calif.

The crowd observed a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m., the minute the bombing began 72 years ago. Attendees sat in a grassy spot overlooking the memorial to the USS Arizona battleship that sank in the attack.

A vintage World War II-era airplane—a 1944 North American SNJ-5B—flew overhead to break the silence. The Hawaii Air National Guard has used its fighter jets and helicopters to perform the flyover for many years, but federal budget cuts prevented it from participating this year.

The Navy and National Park Service co-hosted the ceremony,

which was open to the public.

The current U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., said the U.S. remembers Pearl Harbor and is vigilant.

"The United States is and will remain a Pacific power. But we also remember the warning from those who survived Pearl Harbor, and we are increasing our vigilance accordingly," Harris said. "Today, we are focused as we listen for the sound of the alarms."

Former U.S. Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia, choking back tears at times, spoke of his father who served in the Navy during the war.

"He was my hero," Cleland said in his keynote address.

"For all the Pearl Harbor survivors, thank you for teaching us all how to survive," Cleland said. "How to not just survive but how to strive, to turn things around. And how to ultimately thrive in life."

Cleland, who lost both legs and his right arm fighting in the Vietnam War, is currently secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The commission is responsible for managing overseas cemeteries for fallen American troops.



# Asia

## 1 month on, progress in Philippine typhoon zone

**TACLOBAN, Philippines** (AP)—The government is back at work, and markets are laden with fruits, pork, fish and bread. Shredded trees are sprouting new leaves. Above all, the sounds of a city getting back

on its feet fill the air: the roar of trucks hauling debris, the scrape of shovel along pavement, the ping of hammer on nails.

One month since Typhoon Haiyan, signs of progress in this shattered Philippine city

are mixed with reminders of the scale of the disaster and the challenges ahead: Bodies are still being uncovered from beneath the debris. Tens of thousands are living amid the ruins of their former lives, underneath

shelters made from scavenged materials and handouts.

City administrator Tecson Lim says a sense of “normalcy” has returned and has begun talking of a silver lining: “The opportunity to transform our city into a global city, a city that is climate change resilient and that can perhaps be a model.”

Rebuilding will take at least three years, and success will depend on good governance and access to funds. The Philippines is currently posting impressive economic growth, but corruption is endemic and the country remains desperately poor, with millions living in slums.

National and regional authorities had ample warnings and

time to prepare before the storm hit early on the morning of Nov. 8, but evacuation orders were either ignored or not enforced in a region regularly hit by powerful typhoons. Haiyan plowed through Tacloban and other coastal areas, leaving over 5,700 dead and more than 1,700 missing throughout the region. Some 4 million people were displaced.

But one couple in the town had other things on their minds Saturday.

Earvin Nierva and Rise El Mundo exchanged marriage vows at a church and then posed for photos in a hard-hit area of the city. “This gives hope to people that we can rise up,” said El Mundo.

Pumping his fist, her new husband said, “Rise Tacloban!”

The storm, one of the strongest to hit land on record, triggered an international response, led by the United States and U.N. agencies.

The Philippine government has joined them in paying for food-for-work and cash-for-work emergency employment for thousands who lost their livelihoods. The workers clean up the twisted houses, trees and others debris that still cover large parts of the city and receive about 500 pesos (\$11.36) a day.

Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera and Australian Foreign Minister Julia Bishop separately flew to Tacloban on Sunday to check on typhoon assistance provided by their governments.



A young typhoon survivor fetches water from a hand pump at typhoon-ravaged Tolosa town, Leyte province, central Philippines Monday, Dec. 9, 2013.

## 18 hurt after Singapore's worst rioting in decades

**SINGAPORE** (AP)—About 400 South Asian migrant workers angered by a road accident battled police and set vehicles ablaze in Singapore's worst rioting in decades, leaving 18 people injured, officials said Monday.

The violence erupted in the city-state's crowded Little India neighborhood Sunday night after an Indian worker was hit and killed by a private bus driven by a Singaporean, police and government authorities told a news conference.

Police arrested 27 South Asians, some of whom hurled bottles and other projectiles at authorities who tried to calm the scene, said police Commissioner Ng Joo Hee. Those hurt

included 10 police officers and four defense force personnel.

Channel News Asia showed images of burning vehicles, a police car flipped on its side and people attacking the windshield of a bus with sticks and garbage bins. It said this was the worst such unrest in more than 40 years in Singapore, an orderly and modern city-state known for strict punishments and generally law-abiding citizens.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong warned that authorities would “spare no effort to identify the culprits and deal with them with the full force of the law.”

“Whatever events may have sparked the rioting, there is no

excuse for such violent, destructive, and criminal behavior,” Lee wrote in a statement on his Facebook page early Monday.

The violence sparked debate among Singaporeans on social media about issues of overcrowding and the increase of migrant workers hired for Singapore's construction sector and menial jobs.

Little India is an area popular among Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sri Lankan and Nepali expatriates. It has scores of restaurants, grocery shops and a mall selling food and other items for people from those countries. On Sundays, the area is especially crowded with South Asian workers.

## Thai PM dissolves Parliament, calls elections

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said Monday she will dissolve the lower house of Parliament and call elections in an attempt to calm the country's deepening political crisis.

Yingluck's announcement came as thousands of anti-government protesters began marching through Bangkok in a “final showdown” against her government.

“After listening to opinions from all sides, I have decided to request a royal decree to dissolve Parliament,” Yingluck said in a televised statement. “There will be new elections according to the democratic system.”

She did not immediately set a date and it was unclear whether

the move would ease the country's political standoff, which deepened Sunday after the main opposition party resigned from the legislature en masse.

Protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban called on supporters to stay peaceful, but many fear the day could end violently when demonstrators converge from nine locations on Yingluck's office at Government House. More than 60 Thai and international schools in Bangkok have closed as a precaution.

Thailand has been plagued by political turmoil since the army toppled Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's brother Thaksin in a 2006 coup. In broad terms, the conflict pits the Thai elite and the educated middle-class against Thaksin's

power base in the countryside, which benefited from populist policies designed to win over the rural poor.


“We will rise up. We will walk on every street in the country. We will not be going home again,” said Suthep, whose supporters have occupied the Finance Ministry and part of a vast government complex for more than a week. “The people who will be going home empty-handed are those in the Thaksin regime.”

Since the latest unrest began last month, at least five people have been killed and at least 289 injured. Violence ended suddenly last week as both sides paused to celebrate the birthday of the nation's revered king, who turned 86 Thursday.

In Celebration of Her New Life

**† Irene Kotomor Olopai Borja**

Born on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1965 and was called by her Creator on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the age of 48



**She is Now Reunited With Her:**

**Parents:** †Abel Rabauliman Olopai & †Carmen Kotomor Olopai

**Parents-in-law:** †Leon Torres Borja & †Theresita Faisao Borja

**Brothers and Sister:** †Titus K. Olopai, †Jude K. Olopai, †Eileen O. Pellegrino and †Baby Helen

**Brothers-in-law:** †Juan Diego F. Borja, †Martin F. Borja and †Anthony Pellegrino

**And Her Loving Memories Will Forever Be Cherished In The Hearts Of Her:**

**Husband:** Joseph Faisao Borja

**Sons:** Xavier Olopai Borja and Joshua Olopai Borja

**Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:**

†Titus K. Olopai and family  
 †Jude K. Olopai and family  
 Shirley O. Calvo & Daniel K. Santos and family  
 Delfina O. & Michael Outland and family  
 †Eileen O. & †Anthony Pellegrino and family  
 Mila C. Pellegrino  
 Jean O. & Mark O. Rabauliman and family

Lourdes B. & Abel Valenzuela and family  
 Antonio F. & Celerina Borja and family  
 †Juan Diego F. & Fengying Borja and family  
 †Martin F. & Jane Borja and family  
 Herman F. & Laura Ngracheliong and family  
 Debra Ng. & William San Agustin and family  
 Elizabeth F. Ngracheliong and family

**Irene is additionally survived by many nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, uncles and godchildren.**

Daily Mass of Intentions are being offered at 6:00am and the nightly rosary is being said at 7:30pm at Kristo Rai Parish, Garapan.

On Friday, December 13th 2013., our beloved **†Irene** will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Parish at 7:00am. Responso, rosary and viewing will follow. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00am, followed by interment services at the Santuario Pax Memorial Gardens in Kagman

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

**Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Maase and Thank You,**

**Joseph and Children**



# World



## South Africans of all faiths pray for Mandela

**CAPE TOWN, South Africa** (AP)—In death, Nelson Mandela unified South Africans of all races and backgrounds Sunday on a day of prayer for the global statesman—from a vaulted cathedral with hymns and incense to a rural, hilltop church with goat-skin drums and barefoot dancing.

Mandela was remembered in old bedrocks of resistance to white domination as well

A mother and her children light candles during a church service in honor of Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013. **AP**

as former bastions of loyalty to apartheid.

"May his long walk to freedom be enjoyed and realized in our time by all of us," worshippers said in a prayer at the majestic St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, where the first white settlers arrived centuries ago aboard European ships.

South Africa's reflection on Mandela's astonishing life was a prelude to a massive memorial in a Johannesburg stadium Tuesday that will draw world leaders and luminaries. They will gather to mourn, but also to salute the achievements of the prisoner who became president and an emblem of humanity's best instincts.

The extended farewell—a bittersweet mix of grief and celebration—ends Dec. 15, when Mandela is to be buried in his rural hometown of Qunu in Eastern Cape province.

The anti-apartheid campaigner wanted to die in those modest, traditional surroundings; instead, he died Thursday at age 95 in his home in an exclusive Johannesburg area. He was surrounded by family after months of a debilitating illness that required the constant care of a team of doctors.

Family friend Bantu Holomisa told The Associated Press that Mandela wasn't on life support in his final hours. He appeared to be sleeping calmly but it was obvious that he was finally succumbing, added Holomisa, who said he saw Mandela about two hours before his death.

"I've seen people who are on their last hours and I could sense that he is now giving up," said Holomisa, who is the leader of

the United Democratic Movement in parliament.

"You could see it is not Madiba anymore," Holomisa added, using Mandela's clan name.

The government and Mandela's family have revealed few details about Mandela's death. Ahmed Kathrada, who was sentenced to life in prison with Mandela in 1964, said he was informed shortly before Mandela's death that his old friend had little time left.

Kathrada said Graca Machel, Mandela's wife, conveyed the message to him through another person that Mandela "will be leaving us that night" and "the doctors have said, 'Anytime.'"

The death still came as a shock to many South Africans, so accustomed to the enduring presence of the monumental fighter, even when he retired from public life years ago and became increasingly frail.

"He was more than just an individual soul. He was the exposition of the African spirit of generosity," said the Rev. Michael Weeder, dean of St. George's Cathedral.

But he cautioned that the country still has so much to do.

"The strength of the new South Africa will be measured in the distance that the poor and the marginalized travel from the periphery to the center of our society," Weeder said.

In Johannesburg, hundreds swayed and sang at the Regina Mundi Church that was near the epicenter of the Soweto township uprising against white rule in 1976 and served as a refuge from security forces who fired tear gas around the building and whose bullets have pockmarked the outside walls.

## Plans for Mandela funeral

Ten days of national mourning will finish with a private burial service in the boyhood home of Nelson Mandela on Dec. 15.

### Memorial service

**Dec. 10**

- Service at FNB Stadium, also known as Soccer City, in Soweto district of Johannesburg
- Stadium was the site of the 2010 World Cup final, the last public appearance Mandela made, at age 92



### Pretoria viewing

**Dec. 11-13**

- Mandela's body will lie in state at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, the executive capital of South Africa
- This is where power was handed to Mandela after the 1994 election

### Burial in Eastern Cape province

**Dec. 15** Mandela will be buried in a family plot at Qunu, boyhood home

### Foreign dignitaries

- Observances expected to rival funeral of Winston Churchill, 1965
- U.S. President Barack Obama, former presidents expected to go



Source: AP, The Guardian

NOTE: Cape Town is the legislative capital

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## In Celebration of His New Life

# †Jose Taisakan Wabol

Lovingly known as "Tojo"

March 18, 1941 – December 04, 2013

### In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

**Wife:** †Carmen Lisua Igisomar

**Son:** †Jesus Igisomar Wabol

**Parents:** †Froilan Maligar Wabol & †Mariana Satur Taisakan

**Brothers/Sisters and In-Laws:** †Jesus T. Wabol, †Isidoro T. Wabol, †Pilagia T. Wabol, †Theresa & †John Skilling, †Monica W. Mangarero, †Jesus L. Igisomar, †Samuel & †Bernadita Igisomar

### His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of His:

**Children:** Bonifacio I. Wabol/Linda and Children  
Jesus I. Wabol/Vivian and Children  
Isidro I. Wabol  
Juan I. Wabol/Daisy and Children  
Felisiana W. Patris/Alex and Children  
Froilan I. Wabol/Ester and Children  
Estella W. Kaipat/William and Children  
Lourdes W. Olopai/Jose and Children  
Elaine I. Wabol /Joseph and Children  
Frances W. Somorang/Gilbert and Children  
Julie I. Wabol/Alex and Children  
Marsnjo N. Wabol/Edlynn and daughter  
Jolynn Rose N. Wabol

**Reared Children:** Shana Louise W. Pelisamen/Jordan and Child, Jesus Jonathan K. Wabol/Antoinette and Children, William Jose W. Kaipat/Ariana and Children

### Brothers, Brothers & Sisters in Law:

Francisco T. Wabol and family, Luis T. Wabol and family, Enrique Mangarero and children, Anuncia L. Igisomar and children

### Best Friend:

Joanne Frances P. Kaipat

He will also be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grand and great grand children, and friends.

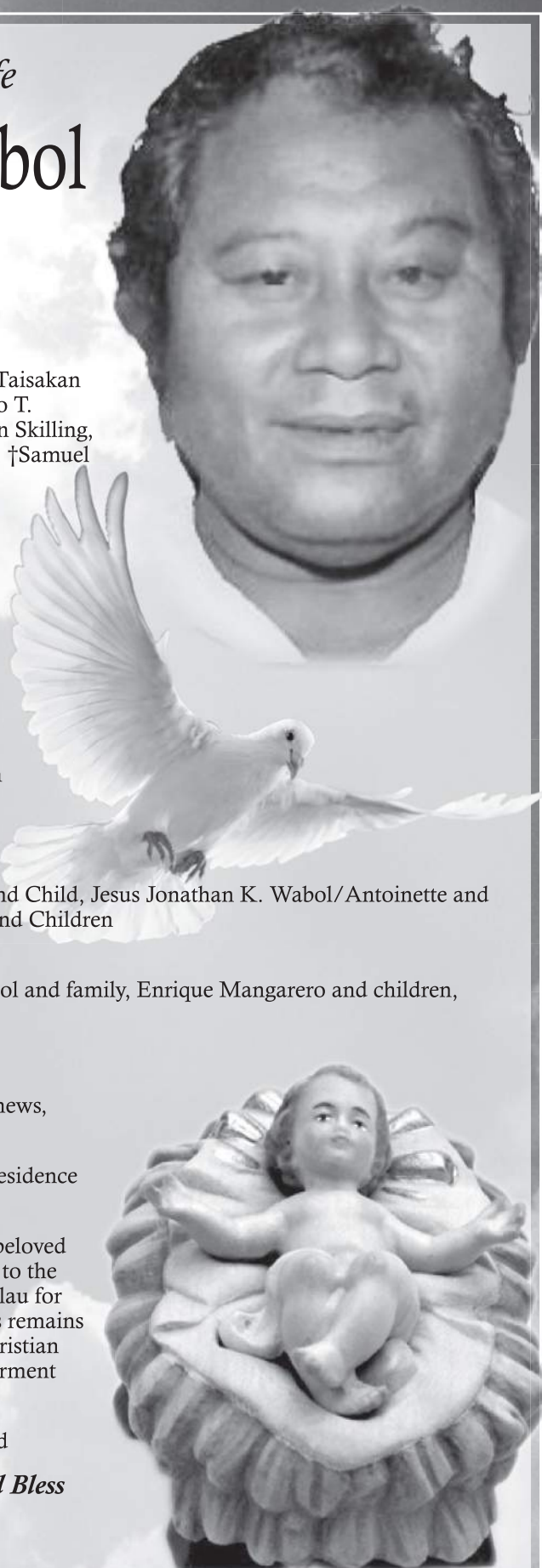
Nightly rosary is being prayed at 7:30PM at the family residence in Anonas Drive, Kagman I.

On Thursday, December 12, 2013, the remains of our beloved †Jose will be escorted from CHC Morgue at 7:30AM to the Immaculada Korason de Maria Chapel in Chalan Laulau for viewing followed by responso. At 10:30AM same day his remains will be escorted to Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by Interment Services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated

*Ghilisow, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank You and God Bless*

**The Family**





# *In Celebration of Her New Life*

## †DAMIANA OLKERIIL KAIPAT

June 07, 1953 – December 01, 2013

### In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

Grandparents: †Tabelong Olkeriil & †Olkeriil Kerai  
 Father: †Bius Lemong  
 Aunt: †Florenzia Olkeriil  
 Parents-in-Law: †Mariano Borja Kaipat & †Guadalupe Litulumar Kaipat  
 Brothers/Sisters-in-Law: †Joaquina Kaipat Ada & †Francisco Cruz Ada;  
 †Maria Litulumar Kaipat; †Aurora Litulumar Kaipat;  
 †Antonio Litulumar Kaipat; †Francisco Litulumar Kaipat;  
 †Daniel Litulumar Kaipat  
 Niece: †Joylina Lynn Kaipat Aldan

### Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:

Mother: Kemtimt Olkeriil  
 Husband: Diego Litulumar Kaipat  
 Children: Jackson O. & Henrietta McBride (Irwin;  
 Mavrick; Sonsirei Dilmui)  
 Donna Jean O. McBride & Jeffery Titiml (Dorian; Bolei Jeyda)  
 Judgson Temedad Wasisang  
 Lee Robin Olkeriil Kaipat  
 Ighibwuliyong Diego Jr. Olkeriil Kaipat  
 Sowmangeyong Daniel Olkeriil Kaipat & Rica Castro Concepcion  
 Kerai Mario Olkeriil Kaipat & Jennie Igisomar

Reared Children: Godwin Philip; John Mark Olkeriil; Malsol Temol; Kimberly O. Kaipat

Brother: Dilly Olkeriil

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 Pearl; Antonio II)  
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 Henry Emery L. & Elizabeth Kirby Kaipat (Daniel; Emery Jr.; Dimitri; Chantilly)

She will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and colleagues.

On Friday, December 13, 2013, at 7:15AM, her remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Services will be at 7:30AM followed by the Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by Interment Services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Kmal Mesulang, Olomwaay and Thank You

**Diego L. Kaipat, Children and Family**





# Life & Style

## Paul Walker memorial in California draws thousands

**SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP)**—The sounds of high-performance car engines filled the air Sunday as thousands of fans, friends and car enthusiasts headed to the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Clarita to pay tribute to Paul Walker at the site where the “Fast & Furious” actor died in a car crash.

The memorial, planned through social media, was scheduled to begin at noon, but mourners began arriving hours before-hand to leave flowers, candles, stuffed animals and other tributes.

By afternoon, about 5,000 people, including entire families with children, dropped by, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker said, adding that the gathering was mostly peaceful. A man was arrested after deputies spotted him carrying a partially hidden and loaded gun; and 40 citations were issued for illegal parking, Parker said.

Many arrived in cars built for speed, and the sounds of engines revving echoed close to where Walker and his friend died on

Nov. 30. The event concluded Sunday evening with a cruise through the area 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Walker, 40, was killed when the Porsche Carrera GT he was riding in smashed into a light pole and tree and then burst into flames. The actor's friend and financial adviser, Roger Rodas, who was driving, also died. Authorities say speed was a factor in the crash.

The two had bonded over a passion for fast cars. They co-owned an auto racing team named after Rodas' custom car shop, Always Evolving, and Rodas, 38, drove professionally for the team on the Pirelli World Challenge circuit this year.



A fan places a poster during a memorial rally and car cruise in Valencia, Calif., Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 to remember actor Paul Walker and his friend Roger Rodas, who died in a fiery car crash last Saturday. AP

On Sunday, Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies directed often-heavy traffic as mourners passed by the crash site on foot and in cars. Many of the early arrivals

parked in a nearby church lot, where they milled around and bundled up against chilly morning temperatures in the 40s.

Among those who turned out at the crash site early was Edi

Maya, a gardener who worked in Walker's neighborhood and said he chatted with the actor from time to time.

"I work next to his house every week, twice a week. Seeing

those candles there, it's heart-breaking," he told KABC-TV.

Actor Rick Yune, who co-starred with Walker in “The Fast and the Furious,” also stopped by.

“We mourn his loss but ... we can at least remember how great a guy he was and celebrate his life,” Yune told reporters.

Walker was in Santa Clarita for a fundraiser his charity, Reach Out Worldwide, organized for victims of the recent Philippines typhoon. The event took place at Rodas' shop, and the two stepped away for what was supposed to be a short drive in Rodas' car.

The limited-edition Porsche was previously owned by Indy-Car driver Graham Rahal, who has said it could be difficult to drive.

Walker, the star of five of the six “Fast & Furious” movies, was the face of the franchise. He was making the seventh film in the series when he died.

Universal Pictures has shut down production while it contemplates how it might go forward without him.

## Billy Joel, 4 others receive Kennedy Center Honors

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The “Piano Man” who became one of the world's best-selling artists of all time with such hits as “Just the Way You Are,” “Uptown Girl” and “Allentown” was awarded the nation's highest honor Sunday for influencing American culture through the arts.

Billy Joel joins Carlos Santana, Herbie Hancock, opera star Martina Arroyo and actress Shirley MacLaine in receiving the Kennedy Center Honors. All of them have been playing



Secretary of State John Kerry, with the 2013 Kennedy Center honorees, from left, seated Shirley MacLaine and Martina Arroyo, along with Teresa Heinz Kerry. AP

music, dancing or singing since they were children—and they have never stopped.

Joel said the honor stands apart from his six Grammys.

“This is different. It's our nation's capital,” he told The Associated Press. “This is coming more from my country than just people who come to see me. It's a little overwhelming.”

The 64-year-old musician born in the Bronx has been playing the piano since he was a boy, growing up on New York's Long Island. There was always music in the house, he said. His mother sang. His father played the piano.

Impressing girls, though, is what hooked Joel into making a career of music, he said.

Joel just announced a 2014 concert series at Madison Square Garden in New York

“to avoid schlepping around the world,” but he still plans to play concerts nationwide.

President Barack Obama saluted the honorees Sunday night, and top entertainers will offer tribute performances for each honoree. The show will be broadcast Dec. 29.

“The diverse group of extraordinary individuals we honor today haven't just proven themselves to be the best of the best,” Obama said. “Despite all their success, all their fame, they've remained true to themselves—and inspired the rest of us to do the same.”

On Saturday night, Secretary of State John Kerry hosted the honorees for a black-tie dinner at the State Department.

Garth Brooks toasted Joel at the dinner, saying his legacy would live on for generations.

He said Joel has a special talent for writing songs about everyday people, from steel workers in “Allentown” to soldiers fighting in Vietnam in “Goodnight Saigon.”

“Music has a wonderful gift,” Brooks said. “For those that do it right, they can put you in shoes that you would never understand if it wasn't for that song.”

Santana, 66, a Mexican immigrant who began learning English from American television, is one of only a few Latinos who have received the honor so far.

Santana first picked up the guitar after hearing blues and rock 'n' roll on the radio. He has said his career is about bridging cultures and fusing sounds to create something new. He grew up with the Woodstock generation after moving to San Francisco, but is perhaps best known for his album “Supernatural.” It won nine Grammys.

Kerry said Santana brought the beauty of Latin culture and its rhythms and influences to the American mainstream.

“We love the music you made, not because it's Latin, but frankly because it is so very American,” Kerry said.

Hancock, 73, got his start at the piano at age 7 while growing up in Chicago. Soon he was playing Mozart and discovered jazz in high school. He joined the Miles Davis Quintet in 1963 and later set out to create his own sounds, fusing jazz, funk, pop, gospel, soul and the blues. He has won an Oscar and 14 Grammy Awards so far.

## In 2nd week, 'Frozen' tops box office with \$31.6M

**NEW YORK (AP)**—In its second weekend at the box office, the Disney animated tale “Frozen” finally cooled off “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire,” while the week's lone new wide-release “Out of the Furnace” wasn't a match for either blockbuster.

According to studio estimates Sunday, “Frozen” led the multiplexes with a haul of \$31.6 million over the weekend, taking over the top spot from “Catching Fire.” Lion-

weekend for Hollywood, with box office up 16.9 percent over the same weekend last year. Opening in a limited release of four theaters, the Coen brothers' folk tale “Inside Llewyn Davis” also had one of the year's highest per-theater averages of \$100,500 for CBS Films.

With only a handful of moviegoing weeks left in the year, the strong weekend boosts the year's chances of exceeding 2012's record box

1. “Frozen,” \$31.6 million (\$30.6 million international).
2. “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire,” \$27 million (\$44.3 million international).
3. “Out of the Furnace,” \$5.3 million.
4. “Thor: The Dark World,” \$4.7 million (\$5.4 million international).
5. “Delivery Man,” \$3.8 million.
6. “Homefront,” \$3.4 million (\$1.5 million international).
7. “The Book Thief,” \$2.7 million.
8. “The Best Man Holiday,” \$2.7 million.
9. “Philomena,” \$2.3 million.
10. “Dallas Buyers Club,” \$1.5 million.

sgate's “Hunger Games” sequel had topped the box office for the last two weeks, but slid to second with \$27 million in its third week of release.

Relativity Media's steel-town drama “Out of the Furnace,” starring Christian Bale and Casey Affleck, posed no challenge for the bigger blockbuster holdovers. It opened with \$5.3 million, good enough for third place on what's typically a quiet early December weekend, sandwiched between Thanksgiving and the coming holiday season releases.

But it was an excellent

office. This year may surpass last year's \$10.8 billion domestic box office, said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak.

In its second week of limited release, the Weinstein Co.'s biopic “Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom,” starring Idris Elba, continued to play in four theaters, earning an average of \$19,400 per-theater. The Weinstein Co. has said it's not altering the movie's release following the death of South African leader Nelson Mandela on Thursday. “Mandela” opens wide on Christmas.

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# Susan Boyle says Asperger's diagnosis was a relief

**LONDON (AP)**—Singer Susan Boyle says she has been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism—and feels relief at finally having the right label for her condition.

Boyle told the Observer newspaper that she saw a specialist a year ago, who told her she had Asperger's and an above-average IQ.

Boyle, 52, had learning difficulties as a child, which she was told were the result of brain damage from oxygen deprivation at birth. She struggled in school and was bullied by other children.

"I have always known that I have had an unfair label put upon me," Boyle said in the interview, published Sunday.

"Now I have a clearer understanding of what's wrong and I feel relieved and a bit more relaxed about myself."

The church volunteer from a small Scottish town became a global sensation when she sang



Susan Boyle performs ahead of the Champions League qualifying second round soccer match between Celtic and Helsingborgs at Celtic Park, Glasgow, Scotland, in this Aug. 29, 2012 file photo.

the "Les Miserables" number "I Dreamed a Dream" on TV contest "Britain's Got Talent" in 2009.

The contrast between her shy manner and soaring voice won Boyle legions of fans. She has sold more than 14 million

records around the world and recently released her fourth album, "Home for Christmas." She makes her big-screen debut in holiday movie "The Christmas Candle."

Boyle has occasionally struggled with the pressures of fame, and was treated for nervous exhaustion soon after her stint on "Britain's Got Talent."

The singer said she was glad she, and others, would now have a better understanding of the struggles she experiences.

"I would say I have relationship difficulties, communicative difficulties, which lead to a lot of frustration. If people were a bit more patient, that would help," she told the newspaper.

"Asperger's doesn't define me. It's a condition that I have to live with and work through, but I feel more relaxed about myself. People will have a much greater understanding of who I am and why I do the things I do."

## 'Gravity,' 'Her' tie for LA Film Critics top honor

The Los Angeles Film Critics Association split between the space odyssey "Gravity" and the futuristic romance "Her," lending no more certainty to an awards season that's so far been full of contenders.

The two films shared best picture in the awards announced Sunday by the L.A. critics, but "Gravity" was the top award-winner. The innovatively made, lost-in-space drama won for best director (Alfonso Cuaron), best editing (Cuaron and Mark Sanger) and best cinematography (Emmanuel Lubezki).

"Her," which is about a man (Joaquin Phoenix) who falls in love with his computer operating system (voiced by Scarlett Johansson), also won for K.K. Barrett's sleek, near-future production design. But the critics otherwise spread its honors around.

Dual winners were the theme. Best actress was shared by Cate Blanchett for her fallen socialite in Woody Allen's "Blue Jas-

mine," and Adele Exarchopoulos for the lesbian coming-of-age tale "Blue Is the Warmest Color." (The later film also won for best foreign language film.)

Best supporting actor was also a two-fer, with the group jointly honoring Jared Leto's performance as an HIV-positive transsexual in "Dallas Buyers Club" and, more surprisingly, James Franco's performance as the cornrowed gangster Alien in "Spring Breakers."

Best actor went to Bruce Dern for his performance in Alexander Payne's father-son road trip "Nebraska."

Early movie awards can help sort out the Academy Awards race, but they've been particularly varied this year. Last week, the New York Film Critics Circle named David O. Russell's Abscam fictionalization "American Hustle" best film. The National Board of Review picked "Her." The Gotham Awards elected the Coen brothers' folk tale "Inside Llewyn Davis" best film.

## 'La Cage aux Folles' director dies

**PARIS (AP)**—Edouard Molinaro, nominated for an Oscar for directing "La Cage aux Folles," a French farce about a gay couple that struck a chord with a broad range of audiences, has died at 85.

French President Francois Hollande's office confirmed the death in a statement of condolence Saturday, praising Molinaro as "great, appealing and origi-

nal" and a director who "conquered the public and the admiration of his peers at the same time." The statement didn't provide further details.

Molinaro's career spanned six decades, including crime films and historical adaptations. He was



Molinaro

best known for 1978's "La Cage aux Folles," which was nominated for several Oscars. The movie, about two men with a transvestite club in St. Tropez who try to temporarily pretend they're straight, was remade as "The Birdcage" in 1996.

## Paris Hilton's brother assaulted at Miami party

**MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)**—Authorities say the brother of socialite Paris Hilton was assaulted at a Miami Beach party.

A police report says 24-year-old Barron Hilton told authorities a man struck him



Hilton

in the face after the two had an argument at a party Friday in a Miami Beach home. Hilton suffered deep cuts on his forehead and nose. He posted a photo of the injuries online.

Neither Hilton nor

two witnesses could identify the suspect. According to the report, witnesses told police that the suspect wanted Hilton to leave and hit him in the face with an unknown object. The suspect then fled in a dark green SUV.

The report says Hilton refused treatment from fire rescue workers.

## Single dad struggles to find more time to spend with son

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a single 25-year-old man with a 15-month-old son. I didn't plan on having any children, but my son is everything to me. His mother and I did not work out well living together. We had different priorities and personalities and could not comfortably coexist.



I have no ill will toward "Andrea." She's a great person and a phenomenal mom. My dilemma is I constantly regret not working harder to stay with her. I see her new boyfriend with my son and it kills me. I see my son only on my two days off. I wish I could see him more than that, but the only way I could see it happening is if Andrea and I got back together.

Everyone I know says we made the right choice for the three of us, but they may be biased toward my side of the situation. I'm afraid of not being there for my boy like my father wasn't there for me when I was a kid. I don't think 18 hours a week with my child will be enough to prevent him from feeling the same way I did.

TORN FATHER IN CONNECTICUT

**DEAR TORN:** You have some serious thinking to do. Feeling as you do, that you didn't try hard enough to save your relationship, discuss it with your ex and see how she feels about the possibility of a reconciliation.

**HOWEVER,** while I admire your desire to be a good father, it would be unfair to Andrea to try to get back together only to spend more time with your son. Consider asking her how she'd feel about you having him one night during the week in addition to your days off. Because the breakup wasn't acrimonious, she may welcome the idea and agree.

**DEAR ABBY:** I live in a condo complex and am appalled at the disgusting mess some residents leave behind in the laundry room. It's hard to fathom that people are unaware that they are expected to empty the lint screen after using the dryer. My husband says they just don't care.

Why should I have to empty it just so I can use the machine? People also leave the tops and insides of the machines dirty with lint, hair and what looks like mites. Don't you agree that people should wipe the laundry area down if they've left a mess?

TIDY IN NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

**DEAR TIDY:** Whether I agree is less important than whether the board of directors of your condominium association does. Bring this up at the next homeowners meeting and ask that some rules be set and a sign posted in the laundry room "reminding" those who use it to PLEASE be sure the machines are left clean when they are finished using them. I can't guarantee this will eliminate the problem, but it may help.

**P.S.** If you are correct about seeing mites in the laundry room, the manager should be informed so an exterminator can visit the complex and eradicate the infestation.

**DEAR ABBY:** What's the proper response when a woman tells you, "You're a lucky woman to have such a good husband who loves you so much"? That phrase bothers me because I feel it is a slap in my face—like what am I, chopped liver? Am I not worthy of a wonderful marriage and family?

It is usually said by women who are unfamiliar with our lives and the struggles we have both endured since we met each other. Do I say thank you? Smile? Ignore it? I would never tell another woman she is lucky to have her man because I feel it's an insult. Am I overreacting?

HE'S LUCKY, TOO, IN COLORADO

**DEAR HE'S LUCKY, TOO:** Yes. The women who acknowledge how lucky you are may be comparing the way your husband treats you in public to the way they are treated by their husbands. Instead of being defensive, smile and say, "I agree. We're lucky to have EACH OTHER."

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## Items from Nancy Drew author sold at Ohio auction

**TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)**—Typewriters and a desk from the home of the original author of the Nancy Drew mystery books, along with a book detailing how the series was created, were auctioned in Ohio on Sunday.

The items were among a lifetime of keepsakes, including autographed posters and writing awards, belonging to Mildred Wirt Benson that sold at an auction in Toledo, where she was a newspaper reporter and columnist for nearly 60 years before her death a decade ago.

Benson wrote more than 130 books, including the 1940s Penny Parker mystery series, but she is best known for the Nancy Drew books that inspired and captivated generations of girls. She wrote 23 of the 30 original Nancy Drew stories using the pseudonym Carolyn Keene. Paid \$125 per book, she never collected any royalties.

Benson died in 2002 at 96 and left her home and possessions to her only daughter, Peggy Wirt, who died in January.

A copy of "Rediscovering Nancy Drew" that details how the series was created and was inscribed for her daughter drew a gavel price of \$2,150 Sunday.

A typewriter went for \$825, and a desk for \$525. A 10-book set by science-fiction writer Andre Norton, who had a personal relationship with Benson, was also auctioned. Nine of the 10 books were signed to Benson and the collection, along with some letters, had a gavel price of \$3,200.

Auctioneer Jade Montrie, who handled the estate sale said a few hundred of Benson's signed and canceled checks went for \$900.



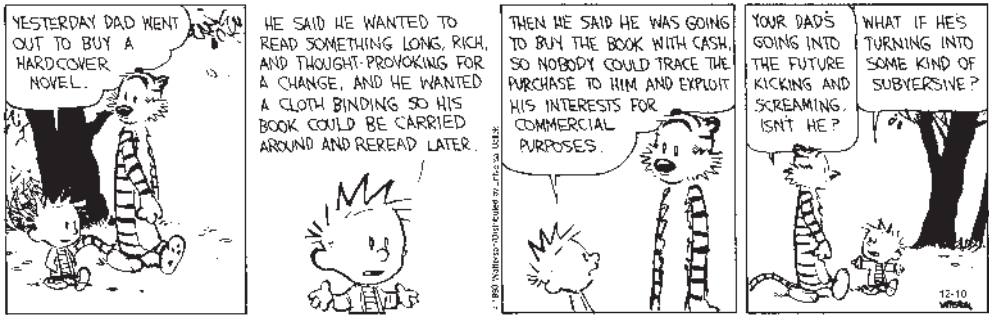
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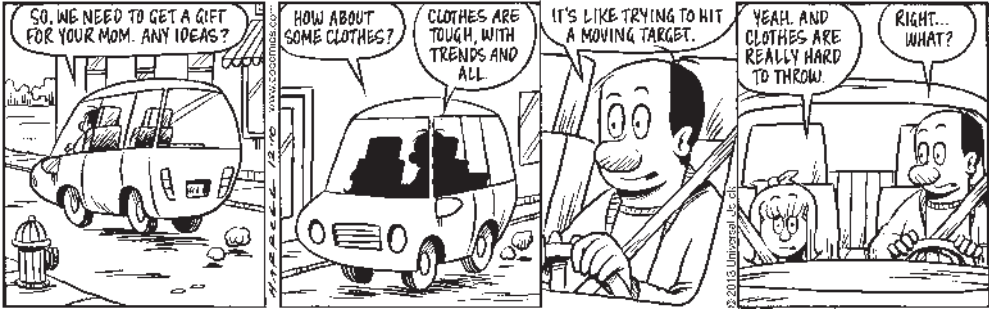


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1 Red Riding Hood's pursuer

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13 Hankering

14 Sandwich treat

15 Peru's capital

16 Falling heavily

18 Pepperoni, e.g.

20 Takes a break

21 In support of

22 Fawn's mom

23 Host

26 Playing with bubble wrap

30 Privy

31 Calendar abbr.

32 Fish eggs

33 Swabie's task

36 Debonair

38 "Eureka!"

39 Prohibit

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43 Very wet

47 Hoofbeat noise

49 State with certainty

50 Top-rated

51 Groove on

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1 Mickey's creator

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4 Thick milkshake

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7 Yoko of music

8 Sheep loser of rhyme

9 Eye part

10 Landlord's due

11 "All — Go to Heaven"

17 Item on stage

19 Rage

22 "What's up, —?"

23 Shade provider

24 Cattle call

25 Police officer

26 Cribbage scorer

27 Savings-plan acronym

28 31-Across preceder

29 "Holy cow!"

31 "CSI" evidence

34 Mollycoddle

35 Rival of Denny's

36 Potential syrup

37 Empty your luggage

39 Marshlike

40 Large amount

41 Become tiresome

42 Sharpen

43 Quick cut

44 Terrible guy?

45 Pianist Peter

46 Got bigger

48 Egos' counterparts

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterdays answer 12-10

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Raven-Symone, 28; Bobby Flay, 49; Nia Peeples, 52; Kenneth Branagh, 53.

**Happy Birthday:** Be honest, but do whatever it takes to keep the peace. Adapt to whatever change comes your way and make it work for you. Positive thinking will bring about favorable results. Explore new avenues; they will lead to new beginnings. Thought and calculation will keep you in the game and on the road to victory. Your numbers are 2, 8, 26, 31, 37, 40, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Say what's on your mind and protect your possessions, your cash and your financial well-being. Impulse will be your downfall, so think twice before you make a move you might regret. You can accomplish anything if you are benevolent. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Romance is highlighted. With a little thought, you can coax someone special to take part in a special event. A trip or gathering will be enlightening. The ideas you develop will help you plan for a brighter future. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Help others and you will be repaid. Don't lend or borrow; ease stress by clearing up debts or collecting what you are owed. Someone's uncertainty may leave you feeling unsettled. Be creative and you'll come up with an alternative plan. \*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Work-related problems are likely to get to you. Don't take criticism too personally. Listen and reflect. Do whatever helps boost your confidence.

Focus on love. A romantic connection will give you something positive to think about. \*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Listen carefully and make sure you understand the risks involved before you decide to participate. Protect your assets and your future. Joint ventures are not likely to turn out well. Knowledge will be the key to your success. Network but don't negotiate. \*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Problems providing what someone you love wants should be handled with care. Opt for something that can help pave the way to reaching a set goal. Romance will make up for any misunderstanding or lack of attention that has occurred. \*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't fold under pressure. Look for a solution to a problem. Complete unfinished projects before you move on to more enjoyable activities. Keep your anger in check if someone tries your patience. An old friend or lover may cause problems. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Make travel plans or check out educational pursuits. Increasing your skills or finding a way to market your talents will benefit you in the future. A positive change will take place if you are prepared. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A promise made must be kept, regardless of how you feel. Unavoidable changes at home or within your personal relationships will turn out to be to your benefit. Make a move that will ensure you encounter new opportunities. \*\*\*\*\*

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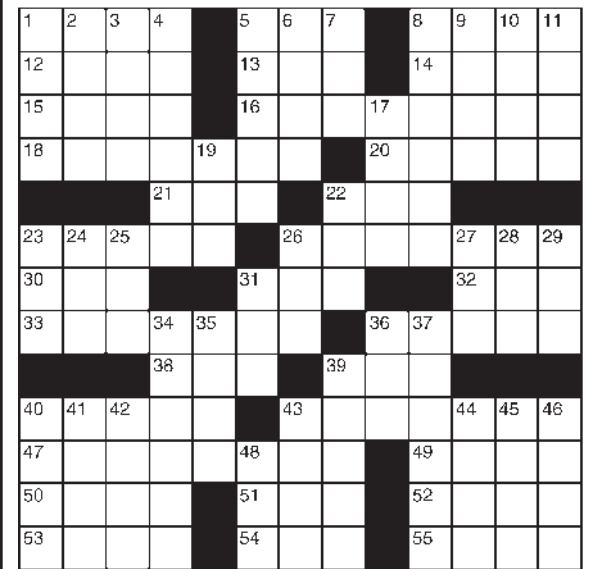
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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Be cautious while traveling. Letting your emotions take over will lead to an unexpected change that stems from a feud you have been trying to avoid. Refrain from being pushy. Do not put pressure on a situation that needs to cool down. \*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get as much work done as you possibly can. Your reputation will depend on your ability to deliver what you've promised. A passionate approach to life, love and everything you do will move past negativity to a positive direction. If you believe in yourself, others will too. \*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Overload your plate and you'll make an impression on someone special. Romance and doing something nice for someone you miss or want to work or spend time with in the future will bring good results. Make amends if that's what's required. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are inquisitive and adaptable. You are resourceful and eager to excel. Eugenia's website—[eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.



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**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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# Kobe returns, but Raptors beat Lakers, 106-94



**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Kobe Bryant had nine points and eight rebounds in his season debut for the Lakers, but Amir Johnson scored a career-high 32 points in the trade-depleted Toronto Raptors' 106-94 victory over Los Angeles on Sunday night.

Bryant began his 18th NBA season by going 2 for 9 with four assists and eight turnovers in 28 minutes. The fourth-leading scorer in NBA history hadn't played since tearing his Achilles tendon in April, undergoing several months of rehabilitation to return for Los Angeles' 20th game of the new season.

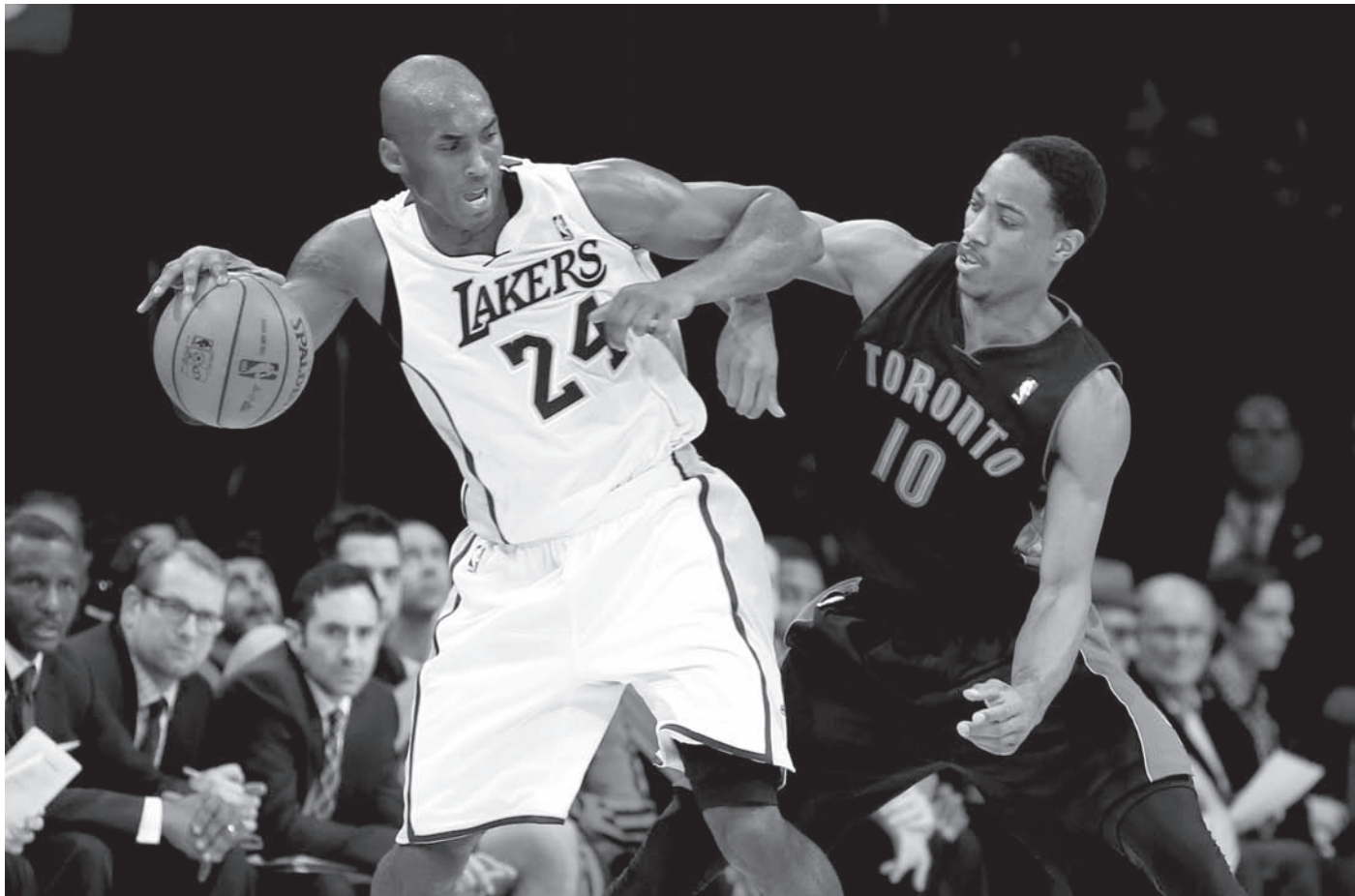
But the Lakers never led, and Toronto improbably snapped its five-game losing streak despite playing without forward Rudy Gay, who is expected to be traded to Sacramento on Monday as the centerpiece of an apparent seven-player deal.

Kyle Lowry had 23 points and eight assists, and DeMar DeRozan added 10 of his 26 points in the final 4:35 of the Raptors' first road win over the Lakers in 11 tries since Dec. 28, 2001.

Nick Young scored 19 points for the Lakers, who went 10-9 without Bryant this season, forging a winning record without the five-time NBA champion and with little help from fellow injured MVP Steve Nash.

Adoring fans cheered Kobe's every move and forgave every misstep, but Bryant couldn't rally the Lakers late despite another huge game by Los Angeles' reserves. Xavier Henry scored 17 points off the bench, and Jodie Meeks added 14.

The Raptors had 11 players available after holding out Gay, center Aaron Gray and forward Quincy Acy, all set to



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, left, dribbles the ball as he is defended by Toronto Raptors' DeMar DeRozan, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013.

head to the Kings in exchange for Greivis Vasquez, Patrick Patterson, John Salmons and Chuck Hayes.

That turned out to be plenty, thanks to two Los Angeles natives. Johnson, who attended nearby Westchester High School, went 14 for 17 and surpassed his previous career high early in the third quarter. Johnson didn't take a shot in the fourth, but USC product DeRozan and Lowry held off the Lakers.

The 35-year-old Bryant hadn't played since getting hurt in a home game against Golden State on April 12, making two free throws on a torn Achilles tendon before limping to the Staples Center locker room. He

had immediate surgery, vowing to return close to full strength—and after working his way back into practices with the Lakers in the last few weeks, he pronounced himself ready.

The building had the buzz of a playoff game before the opening tip, with most fans in their seats with cameras trained on Bryant during opening warmups. The building erupted in loud applause at every mention of Kobe, who was introduced last in the starting lineup to the thunderous strains of "The Imperial March"—Darth Vader's theme from "Star Wars."

The crowd roared again the first time Bryant touched the ball, and he found Robert Sacre underneath the hoop

for an assist on Los Angeles' first possession. With his wife, Vanessa, and two daughters sitting courtside, Bryant hit a free throw for his first point in the second quarter, followed shortly by an 8-foot, double-pump, left-handed bank shot for his first field goal.

Bryant added a signature 22-foot face-up jumper later in the period, but also showed clear signs of rust and unfamiliarity with his new teammates.

## Celtics 114, Knicks 73

In New York, Jordan Crawford scored 23 points and Boston had the most-lopsided victory in the NBA this season, battering New York.

Jared Sullinger added 21

points for the Celtics, who jumped to leads of 12-0, 18-1 and 25-3 and improved their Atlantic Division-leading record to 10-12.

The Celtics led 58-31 at half-time, then Crawford made four 3-pointers in a 34-point quarter that extended Boston's lead to 92-56. The Celtics then scored the first four points of the fourth for a 40-point bulge, triggering loud boos that would get louder at the final buzzer. Boston went on to surpass a 38-point victory by the Clippers over Chicago that had been the NBA's biggest victory this season.

Carmelo Anthony scored 19 points for the Knicks.

## Heat 110, Pistons 95

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, LeBron James had 24 points, nine assists and seven rebounds as Miami cruised past Detroit, avenging a home loss to the Pistons less than a week ago.

Ray Allen added 18 points for the Heat, who were without Dwyane Wade but still shot 56 percent from the field and 11 of 28 from 3-point range. Miami took a 16-5 lead, and although the Pistons fought back, the Heat went on a 13-2 run in the third quarter to make it 74-57.

Andre Drummond had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Detroit, which had its four-game winning streak snapped.

The Pistons beat the Heat 107-97 on Tuesday night.

## Thunder 118, Pacers 94

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant had 36 points and 10 rebounds as Oklahoma City turned a matchup of two of the NBA's best teams into a blow-out over Indiana.

The Thunder (15-4) improved to 10-0 at home.

Durant was 14 of 23 from the field and Oklahoma City shot a season-best 61 percent (47 of 77). Russell Westbrook finished with 26 points, Reggie Jackson had 15 and Serge Ibaka 13 for the Thunder.

Paul George scored 32 points for the Pacers (18-3), who shot 40 percent (34 of 85).

## Rockets 98, Magic 88

In Houston, Dwight Howard celebrated his 28th birthday in a big way, getting 20 points and 22 rebounds to lead Houston over Orlando.

James Harden scored 27 points and also had 10 assists and eight rebounds for the Rockets. Terrence Jones added 16 points and 13 rebounds. Glenn Davis scored 18 points in Orlando's fifth straight loss.

## Johnson rallies to beat Woods in World Challenge



### THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.

(AP)—The storybook ending at Sherwood had every element a golf fan could want—Tiger Woods with a commanding lead before a record crowd, clutch shots that kept getting better with every hole and a finish no one saw coming.

Zach Johnson never looked the part of a winner until he was posing with the trophy.

"I feel very fortunate and somewhat lucky," Johnson said.

He also was very good.

Johnson was four shots behind with eight holes to play against the No. 1 player in the world. Tied for the lead on the 18th hole, Johnson quit on an 8-iron and hit into a hazard, and then went to the drop area figuring his only chance was to stuff it close to make bogey and hope Woods didn't save par from a bunker.

Johnson holed out from 58 yards for par, and won on the first extra hole when Woods missed a 5-foot par putt.

"So-called silly season, right?" Johnson said.

The World Challenge was held at Sherwood for the 14th and final time. It moves next year to Isleworth in Florida.

It was only the fourth time in his career that Woods failed to win when he had at least a two-shot lead going into the final round, and the second time at Sherwood. Graeme McDowell made up a four-shot deficit in the 2010 World Challenge and beat Woods in a playoff.

That wasn't nearly as wild as the finish Sunday.

Johnson, who closed with a 4-under 68, nearly holed out from 88 yards on the par-5 16th hole. His tee shot on the par-3 17th hole covered the flag and landed 4 feet away for a birdie to tie for the lead. But he got

caught up in the moment after Woods hit into the bunker, and his 8-iron came up woefully short and into hazard.

"It looked to me like it was going to be a very, very difficult 4 for him," Johnson said about Woods' bunker shot. "I'm trying to get somewhat around the hole and make a 5. It wasn't exactly a full wedge shot, but it was one that I could be aggressive with - 58 yards, trying to hit it about 52, 53, and we saw what it did."

The ball took three bounces, the last one just beyond the hole, and it stopped and spun back a few inches into the cup.

"A little too dramatic for me," Johnson said.

Woods hit a bunker shot just as exquisite to about 2 feet for a par that gave him a 70 and forced a playoff. They finished at 13-under 275.

In the playoff, Woods blinked first with a smooth 7-iron that tailed off to the right and into

the same bunker, this lie even tougher. Johnson hit the green and two-putted for par, and while Woods hit another great shot out of the sand, his par putt to extend the playoff spun out of the left side of the cup.

"Zach, I don't know how the last three iron shots didn't go in the hole," Woods said. "Pretty impressive what he did. He got me."

Johnson won \$1 million and should go to No. 9 in the world, the first time in his career he has been in the top 10.

Woods ended what he called a "damn good year"—five wins, the most of anyone in the world—with a shocking loss to Johnson. Two years ago, Woods ended the longest drought of his career when he went birdie-birdie at Sherwood to beat Johnson by one shot.

Matt Kuchar (67) and Bubba Watson (70) tied for third at 9-under 279.

The attendance Sunday was 24,922, a record for any round

in 14 years at Sherwood. Traffic outside the tony club in the Santa Monica foothills looked like an LA freeway in what could be the last chance in the near future to see Woods in southern California.

Woods appeared to have his sixth title at Sherwood sewed up when Johnson missed a short par putt on the 10th hole to fall four shots behind with eight holes to play. Woods had said on Saturday that Johnson wasn't the kind of player who went away easily, and he was right.

Johnson picked up birdies on the 11th and 12th holes, and then got back in the game on the 14th when Woods three-putted from long range on the 14th, and Johnson saved his par with an 8-foot putt to get within one shot.

The rest of the way looked like the final rounds of a heavyweight fight, even if only one of them looked the part. Johnson has won 10 times on the PGA Tour including a major. What he

lacks in power he makes up for with precision, and that was the case Sunday.

"The guy never ceases to amaze me," Johnson said. "So yeah, I'll take pride in the fact that I played against the best, and I got one."

Johnson looked almost apologetic when Woods missed his par putt in the playoff, and it was shocking to see. No one from his generation has made more clutch putts than Woods, who spoke about the topic earlier in the week.

But not this time.

It was not the way he wanted to leave Sherwood, where Woods has five wins and now five runner-up finishes. The only consolation was \$400,000 for finishing second, bringing to just over \$14 million the earnings he has donated to his foundation from the three tournaments (AT&T National, Deutsche Bank, World Challenge) that support his education programs.



# Prater, Manning lead Broncos, 51-28 over Tennessee



**GLENDAL, Ariz.** (AP)—Unbothered by the freezing weather, Matt Prater set an NFL record with a 64-yard field goal and Peyton Manning threw four more touchdown passes Sunday, lifting the Denver Broncos to a 51-28 victory over the Tennessee Titans.

The temperature was 14 degrees Fahrenheit (-10 degrees Celsius) when Prater kicked his record setter to close the first half and pull Denver within 21-20.

Manning opened the third quarter by leading the Broncos on a pair of touchdown drives, and the Broncos (11-2) easily wrapped up a playoff spot.

Denver's quarterback set a franchise record with 39 completions and finished with 397 yards.

Ryan Fitzpatrick threw for 172 yards for the Titans (5-8), who went 73 yards in five plays to score on the game's first drive and led 21-10 in the middle of the second quarter.

## Saints 31, Panthers 13

In New Orleans, Drew Brees passed for 313 yards and four touchdowns, helping New Orleans regain sole possession of first place in the NFC South and snap Carolina's winning streak at eight games.

The Panthers' defense had not allowed more than two touchdowns in a game this season until the Saints scored three in the second quarter alone, when Brees completed 14 of 16 passes for 159 yards.

The Saints (10-3) also became the only team this season to score more than 24 points against Carolina, which entered the game No. 1 in scoring defense, allowing 13.1 points per game.

Brees' first two scoring strikes went to Marques Colston, who made nine catches for 125 yards. Jimmy Graham added two TD receptions.

Graham Gano kicked two field goals in the first quarter for Carolina (9-4), and Cam Newton threw a touchdown pass to Steve Smith with 5:15 left in the game.

## Eagles 34, Lions 20

In Philadelphia, LeSean McCoy ran for a club-best 217 yards, including touchdowns of 57 and 40 yards, as the Eagles overcame two TD returns by Jeremy Ross in a blizzard.

Ross returned a punt 58 yards for a score and ran a kickoff 98 yards. But McCoy sprinted 57 yards up the middle for a tying TD, and Nick Foles connected with Riley Cooper on the 2-point conversion. Foles sneaked in from the 1 and Chris Polk had a 38-yard touchdown run to cap a 28-point fourth quarter for the Eagles (8-5).

Snow began falling two hours before kickoff and intensified after the game started. Workers

used shovels and hand-held blowers to clear off yard lines. Conditions were so poor neither team tried a field goal, and there were 2-point conversion attempts after seven of the eight TDs.

The Eagles, looking to go worst-to-first in the NFC East, won their fifth straight game and took over sole possession of first place. Dallas can make it a tie for the top spot with a victory at Chicago on Monday night.

The Lions (7-6) have a half-game lead over the Bears in the NFC North.

## Ravens 29, Vikings 26

In Baltimore, Joe Flacco threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to rookie Marlon Brown with 4 seconds left to ice the win. Brown's catch concluded a five-play, 80-yard drive that took only 41 seconds.

It came after Matt Cassel threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to Cordarrelle Patterson with 45 seconds remaining. Just before that, Baltimore's Jacoby Jones took a kickoff 77 yards for a score, which followed a 41-yard touchdown run by Toby Gerhart, who had replaced an injured Adrian Peterson (ankle) for Minnesota (3-9-1).

The zaniness began when Flacco threw a 1-yard, fourth-down pass to Dennis Pitta with 2:05 go to for a 15-12 Ravens lead.

Baltimore (7-6) has its first three-game winning streak of the season and the inside track for the second AFC wild card.

## Patriots 27, Browns 26

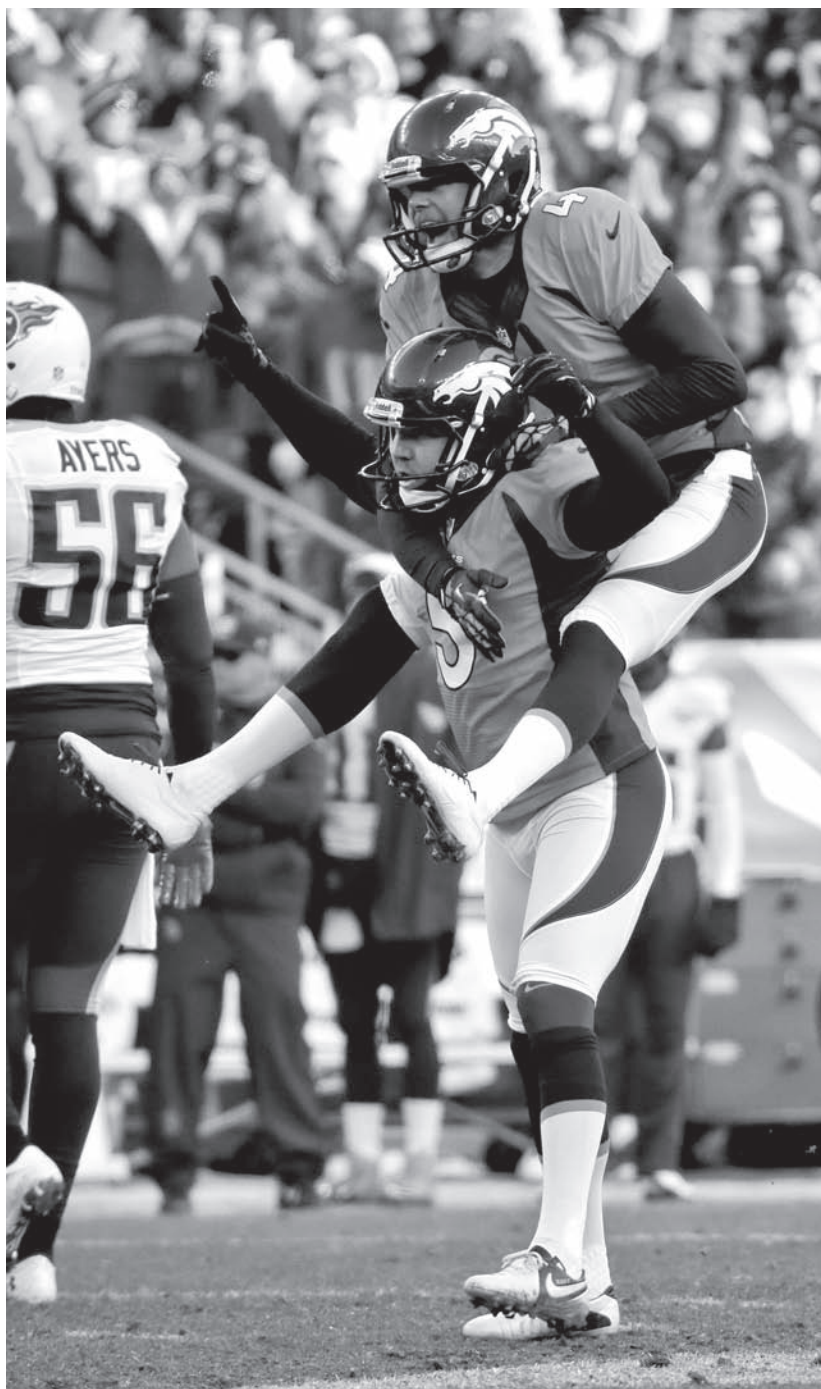
In Foxborough, Massachusetts, Tom Brady threw two touchdown passes in the final 61 seconds and New England recovered an onside kick to set up the comeback win.

The Patriots (10-3) cut the deficit to 26-21 on Brady's 2-yard touchdown pass to Julian Edelman with 1:01 left. Cleveland received a 15-yard penalty on the play, then Kyle Arrington recovered the onside kick at the Cleveland 40-yard line.

Brady completed a 10-yard pass to Danny Amendola, then Leon McFadden was called for defensive pass interference in the end zone. That put the ball at the 1, where Brady connected with Amendola again.

The Browns (4-9) moved to the Patriots 40 with 1 second left, but Billy Cundiff missed a 58-yard field goal.

New England lost tight end



Denver Broncos kicker Matt Prater, bottom, celebrates 64-yard field goal with Britton Colquitt during the first half of an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans on during the first half of an NFL football game on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, in Denver.

Rob Gronkowski to a leg injury in the third quarter.

## 49ers 19, Seahawks 17

In San Francisco, Phil Dawson kicked a 22-yard field goal with 26 seconds remaining as the Niners held off the nemesis Seahawks, denying Seattle a chance to clinch the division at Candlestick Park.

Frank Gore broke a 51-yard gain with just more than four minutes left to set up the go-ahead 11-play, 76-yard drive as the 49ers (9-4) kept the playoff-bound Seahawks (11-2) from grabbing away the West in San Francisco.

Dawson's fourth field goal of the day gave him 20 straight converted field goals, a franchise record topping Joe Nedney's 18 consecutive in 2006-07.

Russell Wilson threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Luke Willson and Marshawn Lynch ran for an 11-yard score for Seattle, denied a franchise-best sixth road victory.

The 49ers are unbeaten at home against the West since losing to the Seahawks on Oct. 26, 2008.

## Bengals 42, Colts 28

In Cincinnati, Andy Dalton

threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as the Bengals remained perfect at home and in control of the AFC North.

The Bengals (9-4) improved to 6-0 at Paul Brown Stadium on a cold, windy day: 28 degrees at kickoff with a wind chill of 19 and light flurries.

Dalton gave his most consistent performance since October, throwing for three touchdowns that kept the Bengals ahead and finishing it off with an 8-yard run in the fourth quarter. Dalton was 24 of 35 for 275 yards without a sack or interception.

The Colts (8-5) had another slow start in the cold, falling behind 21-0 before Andrew Luck threw four touchdown passes to keep them close.

## Chiefs 45, Redskins 10

In Landover, Maryland, the Chiefs scored on their first four possessions in the snow, sacked Robert Griffin III five times and Kirk Cousins once, and returned both a punt and a kickoff for a touchdown.

The score was 17-0 after the first quarter and 38-10 at halftime. Quintin Demps immediately answered the lone Redskins touchdown with a 95-yard kickoff return that resembled at times a winter stroll, part of

a stunning tally of 321 return yards by Kansas City in the first half alone.

Jamaal Charles ran 19 times for 151 yards for Kansas City.

The Chiefs (10-3), who lost two to the Denver Broncos sandwiched around a defeat to the San Diego Chargers after starting 9-0, beat up on a bad team. The Redskins (3-10) certainly qualify: Sunday's game was their fifth straight loss, and coach Mike Shanahan appears increasingly likely to be gone after a third losing season in four years.

## Cardinals 30, Rams 10

In Glendale, Arizona, Carson Palmer completed 27 of 32 passes, 12 of them to Larry Fitzgerald, as the Cardinals ended an eight-game losing streak against NFC West foes.

Palmer, questionable for the game with a sore right elbow, threw for 269 yards and a touchdown as the Cardinals (8-5) won for the fifth time in six games.

Arizona's Karlos Danby returned an interception 23 yards for a touchdown and John Abraham tackled Kellen Clemens for a safety.

Tavon Austin's 56-yard run set up the only touchdown for the Rams (5-8), a 1-yard run by Zac Stacy. Austin injured his left ankle on the play and didn't return.

The Cardinals lost rookie safety Tyrann Mathieu in the third quarter with a left knee injury.

## Dolphins 34, Steelers 28

In Pittsburgh, Charles Clay caught two touchdown passes, including a 12-yard strike from Ryan Tannehill with 2:53 remaining.

Daniel Thomas ran for 105 yards and a score. His zig-zag 55-yard burst at snowy Heinz Field set up Clay's winner. Tannehill completed 20 of 33 passes for 201 yards and three scores for the Dolphins (7-6). Miami won for the third time in its last four games.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 349 yards and three scores but the Steelers (5-8) lost their second straight game. Antonio Brown raced into the end zone after a series of laterals on the final play, but officials ruled he stepped out of bounds before scoring.

The Steelers snapped the ball at their own 21 just before the clock hit all zeros. Emmanuel caught a short pass from Roethlisberger, starting a flurry of laterals that included getting the ball into the hands of 330-pound tackle Marcus Gilbert. Gilbert flipped it to Roethlisberger who

then appeared to throw it forward to Brown. No flags were thrown, however, as Brown raced down the sideline before touching the sideline.

## Packers 22, Falcons 21

In Green Bay, Wisconsin, Matt Flynn threw for 258 yards and the Packers' struggling defense forced a key fourth-quarter turnover to snap a five-game winless string.

Mike Neal's sack forced Matt Ryan to fumble. Defensive lineman Johnny Jolly scooped up the loose ball and celebrated with a little belly dance at chilly Lambeau Field.

Four plays later, Flynn found Andrew Quarless for a 2-yard go-ahead score with about 12 minutes left for the Packers (6-6-1).

The score completed a comeback from an 11-point halftime deficit and whipped the fans swathed in parkas and knit caps into a frigid frenzy. It was 9 degrees when the game started, with a wind chill of minus-1.

Matt Bryant missed a 52-yard field goal with 6:42 left for Atlanta (3-10).

## Jets 37, Raiders 27

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Geno Smith threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score as the Jets set a season high for points and stopped a three-game skid.

Chris Ivory had a touchdown run, Nick Folk kicked three field goals and Antonio Allen blocked a punt and returned it for a score to help the Jets (6-7) in the AFC playoff hunt. Smith ended a miserable stretch that included getting benched last week by throwing his first touchdown toss since Week 7.

The Jets also prevented the first four-game losing streak under coach Rex Ryan.

Matt McGloin threw two touchdown passes and fullback Marcel Reece, starting because Oakland was down three running backs, had a 63-yard TD run for the Raiders (4-9).

Oakland has lost three straight overall, and 13 consecutive in the Eastern time zone.

## Buccaneers 27, Bills 6

In Tampa, Florida, Mike Glennon threw two touchdown passes and Bobby Rainey scored on an 80-yard run on the second play of the day. The Bucs (4-9) intercepted EJ Manuel four times en route to their fourth win in five games following an 0-8 start.

Manuel, Buffalo's first-round draft pick out of Florida State, was sacked seven times and doubled his interception total for the season.

The Bills (4-9) have lost five of six, are assured of finishing without a winning record for the ninth straight year, and also are likely to extend the NFL's longest current playoff drought to 14 consecutive seasons.





Saipan Golfers Association members and guests pose for a group photo after a recent monthly tournament.

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# Norman Tenorio tops Turkey Shoot, December Ace

Norman Tenorio had a double victory or sorts last Dec. 1 after winning the Saipan Golfers Association's Turkey Shot and December Ace of the Month at the Marianas Country Club.

Tenorio shot a net score of 70 to beat a field of 23 SGA members and two guest golfers. He fired a gross of 90 built around a 46 in the front and a 44 in the back nine. Minus his 20 handicap, Tenorio had the score to beat in the twin tournaments.

Rick Katz finished in second place,

one shot higher than Tenorio after submitting a score of 71. The 5-handicapper fired identical 38s in the front and back nine for a 76 gross.

Veteran Nick Sablan capped the Top 3 with his 74 net. The many time CNMI national golfer carded the day's lowest gross of 74 after taming the greens and fairways with a 38 in the front nine and a 40 in the back for a gross of 78. Sablan sports a 4 handicap.



In celebration of Thanksgiving, SGA awarded the Top 7 finishers and four closest to the pin winners with a turkey each.

Steve Balakrishna (4th), James Nelson (5th), Larry Deleon Guerrero (6th), and Ray Dela Cruz (7th.) all got turkeys for finishing in the aforementioned Top 7.

Aside from topping the December Ace, Tenorio also won the closest to the pin competition in hole No. 16.

Frank Castro was without peer in hole No. 6, while Juan L. Babura and Ray San Nicolas won in holes No. 8 and 12, respectively.

The longest drive winners, meanwhile, are Kautz in hole No. 9 and Balakrishna in hole No. 18.

SGA's Ace of Aces tournament will be played on Dec. 14 and 15 at a yet-to-be-determined venue. The awards banquet is tentatively set for Jan. 11, 2014. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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the Hoops' dying offense. An under-goal stab from Kelvin Fitial moved the Hoops within 4, but KB Market closed out the quarter with a 5-point swing to enter the fourth with a 49-40 advantage.

In the fourth period, KB Market's single-digit spread instantly ballooned to 20, 60-40, as Leo Galarse and Ivan Devero teamed up in a pivotal 11-0 run in less than two minutes. Galarse started the killer blows with an and-1 play before making another fastbreak layup, while Devero also scored three breakaway baskets, giving KB Market its biggest lead at

the 8:06 mark of the fourth canto.

Galarse and Devero managed to escape with successive fastbreak layups, as KB Market blocked the Hoopaholics' passing lanes, forcing the latter to either lose possession or pull up for hurried shots. Down by a big margin, the Hoops pressed the panic button, but failed to regroup in the remaining minutes of the game, as its motion offense did not work well with KB Market's tough defense.

The Hoops moved the ball around right at the start of the finale and while the game plan seemed to work in the first half, it backfired in the second, as KB Market was quick on rotating on defense. The Hoops was too patient on its offense that no one was willing to

gamble on pulling up for shots without a clear look at the basket.

The Hoops' offense was so lackluster that only Kelvin Fitial drilled more than one field goal for the team in the second half. He had one field goal in the third and a layup and a triple in the fourth, while Itibus, Freddie Litulumar, Zack Babauta, Alex Lauron, and Tenorio had one field goal each. With most of its players off, the Hoops clearly missed wingman Ben Lisua, who was slapped with a one-game suspension for figuring in a fight during their controversial semis game against I Love Ladder Beach.

With Itibus out, only nine players suited up for the Hoops in the finals, while KB Market paraded a complete

and much deeper 12-man roster. All KB Market players made it to the board with Galarse leading the team with his 16 points. Darwin Barbo added 14, while Brendon Tania chipped in 11.

Fitial paced the Hoopaholics with his 16 points, while Litulumar contributed 10, but had only 2 points in the second half.

**KB Market 77** – Galarse 16, Barbo 14, Tania 11, Devero 9, Muleta 6, Manalo 4, Berline 4, Aquino 3, Esdrelon 4, De Dios 2, David 2, Guiab 2.

**Hoopaholics 49** – Fitial 16, Litulimar 10, Itibus 7, Babauta 5, Lauron 5, Tenorio 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-8, 30-31, 49-40, 77-49.

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ity Distributors' steady defense. Several of those attacks were anchored by forward Sean Perez, who at one point in the first half went for shots twice against the Guam goalkeeper, but the burly Maluwelmeng used his body to deflect the ball and even drew enough contact to get the former off balance for the attempt.

After hanging tough on defense in the first half, Maluwelmeng committed a lapse early in the second. He went for a diving save against the shot of John Diego Masga, but failed to control the ball, leaving Jake Lee with enough room to go for a follow-up kick and the equalizer in the 46th minute of the match.

Lee's recovery lifted the home team's spirits and the Teen Ayuyus went toe-to-toe against the visitors in the next 10 minutes before Staman found a hole

on the CNMI's defense. Staman won a footrace against three defenders and went for a left cross inside the penalty box. Dickinson was a few feet away from his spot, as he seemed to be heading up to gamble for help defense with one of his teammates falling down and when he stepped back, Staman's shot was already in.

Now down, the CNMI was pressured to be more active on offense in the remaining minutes of the game, but

Quality Distributors' defense was there to foil the home team's comeback bid and preserved its lead and the win.

Bush, the Quality Distributor's captain in last Sunday's game, was presented with the Marianas Cup during the awards ceremony that was attended by Quality Distributors team owner and Guam Football Association official George Lai and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan.

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it to the finish line at Mariana Resort under four hours, as the duo of Heather Kennedy and Tim Goodwin clocked in at 3:52:04.

Team Spam took the top spot in the 2-person co-ed road bike event, beating Two Trying and Texas. Two Trying was composed of husband and wife Joshua and Mamiko Berger and they checked in at the 4:15:04 mark. Texas had Derek Chambers and Tina Goodwin with the former crossing the finish line in 4:19:59.

In the 4-person co-ed road bike category, SWAT recorded 4:41:47, more

than eight minutes ahead of runner-up Full Blitz. SWAT had husband and wife Michael and Betty Johnson teaming up with Tony Stearns and the visiting Richard Brostrom. Full Blitz had two female members in Norma Ada and Amy Sletten and completing the squad were Chris Tenorio and Jason Tinney.

In the MTB division, Ilocano registered the fastest time after submitting 4:00:11. The 4-person co-ed team was composed of Nomer Mangalinao, Ric Antonio, Fred Remilloza, and Roger Valencia. The quarter also ruled its category, defeating Sasalaguan and PhairSayles.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider led Sasalaguan roster and was joined by Tinian's Rommel Isidro, Romy Ampit, and

Boyet Austria. The Tinian bets completed the weekend race in 4:14:15, more than two hours ahead of third palce finisher PhairSayles (6:36:46). The No. 3 placer had Lisa and Joel Phair and Codie and Dale Sayles as members.

In the 3-person co-ed division, P4 reached the finish line nearly 17 minutes ahead of Mean Green. The trio of Adam Sablan, Gezzel Nishida, and Juanita Fajardo timed in at 4:59:49 against the 5:15:55 of Mean Green's Miehua Rengil, Xiuyun Hocog, and Wolf Mojica. Fan Hongge Fast rounded out the Top 3, as Esther Ada, Judy Torres, and Vince Seman clocked in at 5:19:30.

In the 2-person co-ed race, Team Tan earned the second best time in the MTB

category and also won the division after checking in at 4:09:06. Husband and wife Glorybel and Samson Tan were the members of the champion team and was the only squad in their category to finish the race under five hours.

The Crazy Oranges, which had Bruce and Yurie Lorange as members, timed in at 5:01:10, while TenThom of Colin Thomson and Teresa Kim-Tenorio submitted 5:41:56.

In the Manatee division, Real Menatees' Steve Nutting and Mark Blackburn logged 4:42:50 to finish ahead of Team Manatee's John Jones and Jim Arenovski, who registered 5:25:10.

Twenty-four teams joined the weekend race.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	10	12	.455	—
Toronto	7	12	.368	1 1/2
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	2 1/2
Brooklyn	6	14	.300	3
New York	5	14	.263	3 1/2

Southeast Division

Miami	16	5	.762	—
Atlanta	11	10	.524	5
Washington	9	10	.474	6
Charlotte	9	11	.450	6 1/2
Orlando	6	14	.300	9 1/2

Central Division

Indiana	18	3	.857	—
Detroit	10	11	.476	8
Chicago	8	10	.444	8 1/2
Cleveland	7	13	.350	10 1/2
Milwaukee	4	16	.200	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	15	4	.789	—
Houston	15	7	.682	1 1/2
Dallas	13	8	.619	3
New Orleans	9	10	.474	6
Memphis	9	10	.474	6

Northwest Division

Portland	17	4	.810	—
Oklahoma City	15	4	.789	1
Denver	12	8	.600	4 1/2
Minnesota	9	11	.450	7 1/2
Utah	4	18	.182	13 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	13	8	.619	—
Golden State	12	9	.571	1
Phoenix	11	9	.550	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	10	10	.500	2 1/2
Sacramento	5	13	.278	6 1/2

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	3	0	.769	349	287
Miami	7	6	0	.538	286	276
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	226	337
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	273	334

South

y-Indianapolis	8	5	0	.615	313	316
Tennessee	5	8	0	.385	292	318
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	201	372
Houston	2	11	0	.154	250	350

North

Cincinnati	9	4	0	.692	334	244
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	278	261
Pittsburgh	5	8	0	.385	291	312
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	257	324

West

x-Denver	11	2	0	.846	515	345
Kansas City	10	3	0	.769	343	224
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	316	291
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	264	337

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Philadelphia	8	5	0	.615	334	301
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	329	303
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	251	334
Washington	3	10	0	.231	279	407

South

New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	343	243
Carolina	9	4	0	.692	298	188
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	244	291
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	282	362

North

Detroit	7	6	0	.538	346	321
Chicago	6	6	0	.500	323	332
Green Bay	6	6	1	.500	316	326
Minnesota	3	9	1	.269	315	395

West

x-Seattle	11	2	0	.846	357	205
San Francisco	9	4	0	.692	316	214
Arizona	8	5	0	.615	305	257
St. Louis	5	8	0	.385	289	308

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

WORLD CHALLENGE SCORES

THOUSAND OAKS, California (AP)—Scores Sunday in the World Challenge, an exhibition event at 7,023-yard, par-72 Sherwood Country Club:

FINAL

x-Zach Johnson, \$1,000,000	67-68-72-68—275
Tiger Woods, \$400,000	71-62-72-70—275
Matt Kuchar, \$212,500	68-68-76-67—279
Bubba Watson, \$212,500	70-70-69-70—279
Webb Simpson, \$150,000	73-71-69-68—281
Graeme McDowell, \$145,000	72-67-75-69—283
Ian Poulter, \$140,000	76-67-73-69—285
Jim Furyk, \$135,000	72-69-74-71—286
Jason Day, \$122,500	76-68-70-73—287
Bill Haas, \$122,500	73-68-74-72—287
Rory McIlroy, \$115,000	73-77-68-70—288
Hunter Mahan, \$110,000	70-80-72-69—291
Keegan Bradley, \$108,500	75-68-75-74—292
Jason Dufner, \$108,500	74-71-78-69—292
Steve Stricker, \$107,000	75-74-74-72—295
Jordan Spieth, \$105,500	77-72-77-71—297
Lee Westwood, \$105,500	74-75-74-74—297
Dustin Johnson, \$100,000	74-79-72-74—299

x-won on first playoff hole

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# 2013 Marianas Football Cup U12 Match Opening

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



The starting 11 of the CNMI U12 National Team pose for a photo before playing against Guam in the 2013 Marianas Football Cup last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



Game officials, from left, Chris Park, Panapa Peteru, Greg Borja, and Quintin Ramsey, pose for a photo before the CNMI versus Guam match.



The Guam U12 National Team members pose with Guam Football Association officials George Lai, back row left, and Gian Tenorio, back row right.



CNMI players and game officials sing the CNMI anthem.



Volunteers hold the CNMI flag during the opening ceremony.



Volunteers hold the Guam flag during the parade of teams.



NMIFA president Jerry Tan and GFA's George Lai and Gian Tenorio shake hands with Guam players.



NMIFA president Jerry Tan and GFA's George Lai and Gian Tenorio shake hands with CNMI players.



CNMI and Guam teams pose for a photo with game officials and GFA's George Lai, back row left, and NMIFA president Jerry Tan, back row right.





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Quality Distributors midfielder Imry Campbell loses his balance after colliding with CNMI U19 National Team defender Raphael Zapanta during the first half of their game in the 2013 Marianas Football Cup last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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## Quality Distributors takes Marianas Cup

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Quality Distributors hoisted the Marianas Cup after outclassing the CNMI U19 National Team, 2-1, last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Midfielder Jan-Willem Staman connected on the go-ahead goal in the second half to lift the Guam Football League champion to a win against the home team in the 2013 Marianas Football Cup, the fifth edition of the special tournament that pits CNMI players against Guam.



Guam topped the first three tournaments (2007 to 2009), while the Commonwealth shared the Cup with its neighbor in 2010 after settling for a 1-1 draw in their June 19 match.

Joining Staman on the 2013 champion team are starting goalkeeper Brett Maluwelmeng, David Manibusan, Devin Maluwelmeng, Imry Campbell, James Bush, Joshua Mendiola, Kaito Inoque, Paul Long, Philip Ogo, Robby De Guzman, Scott Leon Guerrero,

Bradley Miller, Zachary Cruz, Ryan Quitugua, and Jared Pangindian.

Quality Distributors drew first blood in the second game of the day with Ogo hitting a right cross in the 35th minute after getting away from two CNMI defenders. CNMI goalie Ethan Dickinson dove for the save, but was already too late, as the ball had already found the back of the net.

Earlier before Ogo put Quality Distributors in the board, the Teen Ayuyus had chances to score, but were repeatedly frustrated by Qual-

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## KB Market eases past Hoops in finals

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**K**B Market dominated the Hoopaholics in the second half to earn a lopsided finals win, 77-49, in the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Open Division Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



KB Market held the Hoopaholics to 4 points in the first nine minutes of the third quarter and then went for the jugular in the opening minutes of the fourth period to bag the championship.

Before folding up, the Hoopaholics managed to take a 31-30 lead in a closely fought first half behind the buzzer-beating triple of Mel Manibusan.

The Hoops' shaky lead was quickly wiped out in the third quarter with Elmer Esdrelon banking a jumper and KB Market went on to outgun its foe, 14-4, in the first nine minutes of the second half. Six different players scored for KB Market in that rally, while only Fred Litulumar and Maverick Itibus hit baskets for the Hoops.

KB Market was threatening to pull away with its 44-35 advantage before a triple from Dexter Tenorio resuscitated

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KB Market's Marlon De Dios, left, and Elmer Esdrelon hound the Hoopaholics' Dexter Tenorio during the third quarter of their title game in the UFO Open caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

## Susan's Creations B leads relay race in 'Hell'

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Susan's Creations B emerged as the top finisher in the team event in last Saturday's 7th Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race.

The trio of Nap and Rommel Dizon and Joan Salazar completed the



100-kilometer race in 3:45:47, becoming one of the only two teams in the field to break the four-hour barrier and winning first place in the 3 co-ed road bike category. Team Spam was the other squad to make

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Nap Dizon of Susan's Creations B stands up to negotiate an uphill road on the way out to Kagman during last Saturday's 7th Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race.